

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTIES OF POTTER & RANDALL  
CITY OF AMARILLO

MINUTES

On December 9, 2024, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the Downtown Library, 413 SE 4<sup>th</sup>, Amarillo, Texas.


VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
John Esler, Chair	YES	14	12
Lillian C Withrow	YES	16	15
Christy Gagnon	YES	14	9
Katy Reid	YES	5	4
Courtney M White	YES	4	4

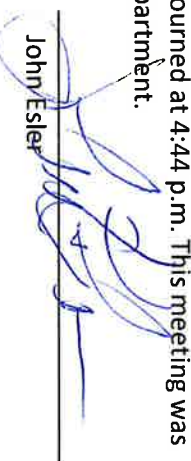
Also in attendance:

Amanda Barrera DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO  
Laura Storrs ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO  
Silvia Shaver LIBRARY SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO

1. Call to Order and Introductions. Mr. John Esler, Chair, established a quorum and called the regular scheduled meeting of the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD to order at 4:03 p.m.
2. Public forum. None.
3. Approval of Minutes. Mr. John Esler considered approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on OCTOBER 14, 2024. Motion was made by Ms. Courtney White, seconded by Ms. Christy Gagnon, and unanimously carried to approve such minutes as written.
4. Discuss and Consider Request for Reconsideration Process steps. Ms. Barrera discussed a resident's request for reconsideration of three titles: "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison, "Gender Queer" by Maia Kobabe, and "The Every Body Book" by Rachel E. Simon. The Staff review committee reviewed each book and submitted a report to Ms. Barrera; based on that report and Ms. Barrera's own review of the materials, she decided to keep the three challenged titles where they are in the collection. The citizen appealed that decision. Next, the Board members will need to take up that matter. Each Board member must read or listen to the entirety of the work before deciding. The Board discussed rendering its decision at the next Board meeting on February 10, 2025; and they decided that would take place only if each Board member has had the opportunity to finish reading and assessing all three books by that time.
5. Discuss and Consider the Policy and Use Documents for The Studio @ APL. The Studio @ APL is a do-it-yourself digitalization and recording space. The Board members reviewed its Policy and Use Documents. Motion was made by Ms. Courtney White, seconded by Ms. Katy Reid to approve the Policy as written, as well as the Release of Liability. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Presentation and Discussion by the Director of Library Services on Current Departmental Issues and Activities.
  - A. Friends of the Library: Ms. Barrera reported that the Friends held a discount Book Sale in December; they made over \$4,200.00 for this sale. The total revenue among the three sales they had in 2024 came to \$15,457.11.
  - B. Holiday Gift Guide 2024. Ms. Barrera showed the Board members the Holiday Gift Guide 2024, that patrons can find on APL's website. Additionally, Ms. Barrera announced that the library has these four new resources available on the website: *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *O'Reilly for Public Libraries*, and *Statistical Abstracts of the United States*.
  - C. Programming and events at all APL locations. Ms. Barrera talked about some of the library programs planned for December. Board members received the complete December Calendar of Events.
  - D. Stacy Clopton, Programming and PR Coordinator, presented the APL's promotional series "What Makes the Shelf".
5. Discuss Items for Future Agendas. None.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Library Department.

ATTEST:   
Amanda Barrera, Director of Library Services

  
John Esler