

MINUTES

On June 10, 2024, the AMARILLO LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD met at 4:00 p.m. for a regular meeting at the North Branch Library, 1500 NE 24th, Amarillo, Texas.

VOTING MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD SINCE APPOINTMENT	NO. OF MEETINGS ATTENDED
John Esler, Chair	YES	11	9
Lillian C Withrow	NO	13	12
Christy Gagnon	NO	11	8
Katy Reid	YES	2	2
Courtney M White	YES	1	1

Also in attendance:

Amanda Barrera	DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, CITY OF AMARILLO
Laura Storrs	ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO
Carmel Barnhill	NORTH BRANCH LIBRARIAN, CITY OF AMARILLO
Justin Ward	LIBRARY CASE MANAGER, CITY OF AMARILLO
Silvia Shaver	LIBRARY SECRETARY, CITY OF AMARILLO

- 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 4:23 p.m.
- Public forum. None.
- Approval of Minutes. Mr. John Esler considered approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on FEBRUARY 12, 2024. Motion was made by Ms. Courtney White, seconded by Ms. Katy Reid, and unanimously carried to approve such minutes as written.

4. Presentation and Discussion by the Director of Library Services on Current Departmental Issues and Activities.

- Friends of the Library: The Friends held their first Book Sale in April, with proceeds just under \$6,000. The next sale will take place September 6-8.
- Programming and events at all APL locations: Ms. Barrera announced that Amarillo Public Library will be a host site for the American Revolution Experience traveling exhibition. The local Esther McCroly Chapter of the DAR applied on our behalf. The exhibit will be available for the public to view at the Downtown Library October 4-24, 2024.

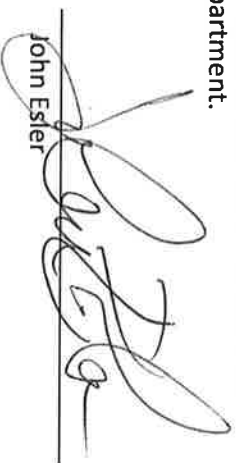
Ms. Barrera also announced that APL obtained the Melissa Carter Memorial Grant. Every year, the Area Agency on Aging awards up to \$1,000 in Ms. Carter’s memory to organizations offering services to older adults. We will be using these funds to create a Memory Café program series at the Downtown Library.


Ms. Barrera reported that APL will soon offer a program called Book Club in a Bag. The program will launch with 12 kits. Each kit will hold 10 copies of the featured book. Patrons who check out the kit will be responsible for tracking the copies distributed to the club members and for returning all the kit’s contents to the library. Patrons will sign a borrowing agreement upon checking out the Book Club in a Bag kit. The agreement will specify the rules and patron’s responsibilities.

- North Branch Activities: Carmel Barnhill talked about current and upcoming programs at North Branch.
- Justin Ward, Library Case Manager, gave a presentation on APL’s partnership with the Community Development department.
- Presentation on APL’s video series, “What Makes the Shelf” by Stacy Clopton, PR and Programming Coordinator was tabled until the August meeting.

5. Discuss Items for Future Agendas. Presentation on APL's video series, "What Makes the Shelf" – Stacy Clopton, PR and Programming Coordinator.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m. This meeting was recorded, and all comments are on file with the City Library Department.


John Esler

ATTEST: 
Amanda Barrera, Director of Library Services