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CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Library – May 13, 2024

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, May 13, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Emily Fowler Library at 502 Oakland St., Denton, Texas. Chair Eva Poole, Vice-Chair Jamie Taylor, and Members Jean Greenlaw, Ling Jeng, and Sandy Swan were in attendance.

PRESENT: Eva Poole, Jamie Taylor, Jean Greenlaw, Ling Jeng, and Sandy Swan
ABSENT: Dallas Guill
STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker, Marcella Lunn via Teams, and Cynthia Carter
GUESTS: Ross Scoggin and Sarah Ward

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB24-037 Consider approval of the minutes of April 8, 2024.

The Board accepted and approved minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting. Jean Greenlaw motioned, Sandy Swan seconded, all in favor.

B. LB24-035 The Board received an informational report regarding the 2024 Denton Public Library Summer Reading Challenge.

- Ross Scoggin, Youth Services Librarian at South Branch, is this year's chair of the Summer Reading Challenge Planning Committee and will provide an overview of the upcoming reading initiative.

  Each year, the library offers a summer reading program for all ages to champion literacy, encourage a love of reading, and support lifelong learning. The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge theme is Adventure Begins at Your Library. The event runs June 1-July 31. Participants are encouraged to read books of their choice and track their reading by minutes read. After reading 5 hours, participants earn a free book. After reading an additional 5 hours (10 hours total), participants earn a second free book. Every 5 hours read earns participants a ticket for a prize drawing for prize packets. Four prize packs are available for each age group: young children (ages 0-5), school aged children (ages 6-11), teens (ages 12-17, and adults (ages 18+). The four prize packs for each age group have themed items: reading, writing, arts, and Denton. The prize books are funded by the Friends of the Denton Public

The drive-up service window remained open during the closure with modified hours: Mon-Sat 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Sun. The book drop was available 24/7 during the facility closure.

Emily Fowler Facility Projects – The construction of a new conference room and three study rooms at Emily Fowler Central Library has begun. The area downstairs has been blocked off for safety and to reduce dust. Carpet has been removed. Electrical and HVAC work will continue throughout the project. Framing will begin in the week of May 13. The construction project will be complete before the end of the May. Furniture is being ordered this week.

The facility improvement projects to repaint, recarpet, and update lighting and electrical wiring throughout the building will kick off in sometime after May. Planning for the updates has just begun, with no dates or specifics set at this time.

LightBox Interactive eBooks for Kids – Sarah Ward, Youth Services Librarian at Emily Fowler Central Library, provided information and a demonstration of the library's new youth eBook product, LightBox.

June Library Board Meeting – At the April Library Board meeting, it was mentioned that the Director of Libraries would be out of town during the regularly scheduled June meeting. Library staff seeks direction regarding either rescheduling or cancelling the June 10 meeting. The Board unanimously decided to cancel the June 10, 2024 Library Board Meeting.

Summer Event Highlights Flyer – The new Summer Classes & Events flyer is a four-page flyer, highlighting events throughout the programming season. All library classes and events are posted on the library website with full descriptions. The online calendar of events can be filtered to show all events or limit displayed events by location, audience, and event type.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Eva Poole, Chair