MINUTES
CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Central Library – August 12, 2024

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Emily Fowler Central Library at 502 Oakland St., Denton, Texas. Chair Eva Poole and Members Ling Jeng, Jean Greenlaw, and Jamie Taylor were in attendance.

PRESENT: Eva Poole, Ling Jeng, Jean Greenlaw, and Jamie Taylor
ABSENT: Sandy Swan

Also present are Jennifer Bekker and Marcella Lunn.

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Charles Lee presented.
Dr. Chwee Lye Chng presented.

Citizen comments received are noted on Exhibit 1.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB24-043 Consider approval of the minutes of July 8, 2024.

The Board accepted and approved minutes of the July 8, 2024 meeting with amendment to page 1, listed present members. Jamie Taylor was not in attendance. Ling Jeng motioned, Jean Greenlaw seconded, all in favor.

B. LB24-047 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

- The Friends hosted the "Rock the Library: Karaoke Night" fundraiser at Game Changers Sports & Arcade Grill on July 18, 2024. The two-hour event raised $277.

C. LB24-046 The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting.

D. LB24-048 The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the following Denton Public Library Policy updates:

- *Confidentiality of Library Records Policy* – Ling Jeng motioned, Jean Greenlaw seconded, all in favor
- *Tablet Policy* – Ling Jeng motioned, Jean Greenlaw seconded, all in favor

E. LB24-045 The Board received an information report and held a discussion regarding the library's 2024 Fall Classes & Events:

- Proposed programs are for September-December 2024. Library staff recommends approval. Jamie Taylor motioned, Ling Jeng seconded, all in favor.

E. LB24-044 The Board received an information report and held a discussion regarding:

Emily Fowler Facility Projects – To be closed from Monday, August 19 through Monday, August 26 for carpet installation. The branch will reopen on Tuesday, August 27, with regular hours. However, some public areas may remain inaccessible if the carpeting project is not fully completed during the closure. Additional facility improvements, including painting, electrical, and lighting upgrades, are scheduled for January 2025.

Denton Halloween – The City of Denton is organizing a month-long Halloween celebration, with events planned daily throughout October. Most activities and decorations will be centered around the downtown square, with participation from various City, community, and local business entities. The library will host Halloween events at all its branches, offer a special limited-edition Denton Halloween library card, and feature themed displays and photo opportunities at Emily Fowler Central Library. More details are available at www.dentonhalloween.com.

Program Capacity – Library staff are collaborating with the Fire Marshal to reassess the capacities of meeting and program rooms. Based on these evaluations and the ability of staff and volunteers to manage crowds, new program capacity guidelines will be established. These guidelines aim to ensure the safety of program participants, including the ability to safely exit the space if necessary.

Interlibrary Loan Services – As mandated by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, all public libraries in Texas, including Denton Public Library, transitioned to the new ShareIT Interlibrary Loan (ILL) software in July. This transition has presented several challenges, such as routing notification errors and the inability to renew ILL materials. Library staff are actively communicating with ILL customers and working with the software vendor to resolve these issues.

2024 Summer Reading Challenge – The report on the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge will be presented at the September 9, 2024, Library Board meeting.

Youth Access to Library Materials – At the July 17, 2024, City Council meeting, a patron expressed concerns regarding youth access to library materials. In response to questions from Council, library staff provided an Informal Staff Report to City Council in the Friday Report, detailing library policies and procedures on this matter.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Eva Poole, Chair

Rebecca Ivey, North Branch Manager
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 10/14/2024

INDIVIDUAL REQUEST TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM

(Please Print)

AGENDA ITEM # _____
Consent [ ]
Public Hearing [ ]
Individual Consideration [ ]
Other [ ] _____

NAME: Charles Lee

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CITY: Denton Texas

ZIP CODE: 76201

PHONE: (817) 403-5772

EMAIL: dentonprecinct060captain@gmail.com

(Email addresses are not required. By providing your email address, you are authorizing Council Members and City staff to communicate with you via email regarding your comments. Email addresses will not be used for any external purpose and will be redacted from responses to requests under the Public Information Act.)

I DO wish to speak on this item. I will speak in [ ] SUPPORT [X] OPPOSITION

Time limit for speakers:

- Public hearing items - four (4) minutes..
- Non-public hearing item – three (3) minutes.
- Representative of a group or organization of four or more members - ten (10) minutes or less ***(please fill out a green card and return to the city secretary).***
- Applicants for land use or other public hearing items - ten (10) minutes or less per speaker with a maximum of twenty (20) minutes.

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SPOKE: Yes ____ No ____ ENTERED IN MEETING MINUTES: ____

NO SHOW: Yes ____ No ____

Exhibit 1a

City of Denton

Individual Request to Speak on an Agenda Item

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Individual Consideration [ ]
Other [ ] _____

NAME: Chwee-Lee Chn

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CITY: Denton TX

ZIP CODE: 76201

PHONE: 214-926-5953

EMAIL: Agantan9@hotmail.com

(Email addresses are not required. By providing your email address, you are authorizing Council Members and City staff to communicate with you via email regarding your comments. Email addresses will not be used for any external purpose and will be redacted from responses to requests under the Public Information Act.)

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SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN AGENDA ITEM

(Please Print)

NAME: Melinda Preston

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CITY: Frisco

ZIP CODE: 75033 PHONE: 972 839-0806

EMAIL: Mpreston@cadfusa.com

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Consent [ ]
Public Hearing [ ]
Individual Consideration [ ]
Other [ ] _____

I **DO NOT** wish to speak on this item, but would like to express my

[ ] SUPPORT [ ] OPPOSITION

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Exhibit 1c.

Children should not be able to pick up books off the shelves off the public library that show or talk about sex that is not age appropriate. Please put these books in the adult section so that if a parent wants their child to have access to these types of books, they can find them there. Please protect the children whose parents want their children to just be kids and keep their innocence as long as possible. Yes, they may see it in other places, but our libraries should be a safe place to bring your children.

SUBMIT COMMENTS ON AN AGENDA ITEM

(Please Print)

NAME: Donna Smith

ADDRESS: 3924 Yellowstone PL

CITY: Denton TX

ZIP CODE: 76209 **PHONE:** 940-391-3756

EMAIL: jesuslovesdonna@yahoo.com

AGENDA ITEM # LB24-040

Consent [ ]

Public Hearing [ ]

Individual Consideration [ ]

Other [ ] _____

I DO NOT wish to speak on this item, but would like to express my

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Exhibit d

I am Concerned easy access of Sexual explist
aterials that are educationally unsuitable. Some of
ese materials should be re-located to the adult
ection or treated as adult DVD's and be placed
ehind the counter.

Thanks for your consideration,
Donna Smith