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CITY OF DENTON
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
South Branch Library – January 13, 2025

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, January 13, at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library at 3228 Teasley Lane, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Eva Poole, Rebecca Fridley, Patricia Peters, Kathryn Pole, Ellen Sullivan, and Kerol Harrod
ABSENT:

Also present: Jennifer Bekker and Marcella Lunn

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None.

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

E. LB25-007 The Board received an informational report regarding the Denton Public Library's collections of kits and non-traditional materials.

- Makenna Madsourivong, South Branch Adult Services Librarian, provided a demonstration and overview of the different types of non-traditional materials available at the library. Denton Public Library offers multiple collections beyond print and audiovisual materials. The "library of things" collections include Discovery Kits for all ages, Tonies® and Yoto Players, wi-fi hotspots, and Adult Cognitive Enrichment (ACE) Kits.

A. LB25-004 Received nominations and elected the 2025 Chair and Vice-Chair for the Library Advisory Board:

- Kerol Harrod, Chair
- Rebecca Fridley, Vice-Chair

B. LB25-003 The Board received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction regarding updates to the Library Board Bylaws.

- The Library Board Bylaws were last updated in 2022 to have City Board and Commission bylaws consistent across the City. The 2022 changes updated Board officer election dates and titles. While the officer titles were also updated in the "Committees/Board Liaison Appointments" section of the bylaws,

the appointment time was not updated to match officer elections. Officer elections occur each year in January. Current bylaws indicate that Board Liaison appointments be made in October each year.

The Reevaluation of Library Materials Operating Policy was updated and approved by the Library Board on April 8, 2024. One of the updates was the establishment of an appeal process with the Library Board. The Library Program Operating Policy was updated and approved by the Library Board on October 8, 2024 with a similar appeal process. The Appeal Committee information was not added to the bylaws at that time.

Kathryn Pole motioned to accept recommended updates, Rebecca Fridley seconded, all in favor.

C. LB25-002 Library Board Chair, Kerol Harrod, asked for volunteers and appointed two members to serve as liaison to:

- The Friends of the Denton Public Libraries Executive Board – Eva Poole
- The Emily Fowler Library Foundation Board – Kathryn Pole

D. LB25-008 Consider approval of the minutes of December 9, 2024.

The Board accepted and approved minutes of the December 9, 2024 meeting. Rebecca Fridley motioned, Pat Peters seconded, all in favor.

F. LB25-005 The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting. Library staff is coordinating with Foundation Trustees to schedule a meeting in the new year.

G. LB25-006 The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

The 2024 projects funded by the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries were completed:

- Study room furniture for new study rooms at Emily Fowler Central Library
- Sound abatement in the Teen Room at North Branch Library
- Adult Cognitive Enrichment (ACE) Kits-4 per library branch
- Author/speaker fees for authors Stacy Wells and Teal Gray and a performance by Indigenous ACEs
- Summer Reading Challenge prize books

The January Friends Executive Board meeting was rescheduled from Thursday, January 9 to Thursday, January 16 due to inclement weather forecasts. The library will be submitting 2025 funding requests at the meeting.

Two Friends Officers attended the Friends and Foundations Summit on December 7 in Euless, TX. They met with the Director of Libraries in December to discuss ideas including additional fundraising projects and participating in the first national Library Giving Day on April 1, 2025.

H. LB25-009 The Board received an informational report and held a discussion regarding:

Winter Reading Program - The annual Winter Reading Program kicked off December 1, 2024, and runs through January 31, 2025. The initiative promotes literacy, encourages the development of a love of reading, and supports lifelong learning.

Library Speakers Consortium - The library has subscribed to the Library Speakers Consortium. The service provides live and recorded interviews and talks with bestselling authors. The events have been added to the library's online calendar of events.

I. LB25-001 The Board received an informational report and held a discussion regarding the proposed 2025 Library Strategic Plan action items:

- The 2024 Library Strategic Plan action items have been updated to show the status online: https://performance.envisio.com/dashboard/Library_Strategic_Plan

  Some projects are multi-year and will be included in the 2025 Library Strategic Plan action items. Proposed action items include twelve multi-year projects that started in 2024 and nine new initiatives. Library staff recommends approval of the proposed 2025 Library Strategic Plan action items.

  Pat Peters motioned, Ellen Sullivan seconded, all in favor.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS

The Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Kerol Harrod, Chair

Jennifer Bekker, Director of Libraries
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: 2/10/25