

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
July 21, 2015

On Tuesday, July 21, 2015, the Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Jones at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 505 Water Street, Kerrville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

T. David Jones	Chairperson
Jane Smith	Vice-Chairperson
Gail Brown	Board Member
Jeanine Kenworthy	Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marty Lenard	Board Member
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Stork	City Council Member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Bechtel	Library Director
Cate Schulenberg	Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

1. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A. Approval of minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting held on May 19, 2015.

Ms. Smith moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Kenworthy seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

3A. Monthly Update by Library Director (staff)

Ms. Bechtel reported the May and June statistics to the Library Advisory Board. The Library ended the reporting period with 8,752 patrons and 9,917 items checked out. The Library had 6,360 visitors in May and 9,720 visitors in June. Ms. Bechtel reported the Fiscal Year statistics to the Board – 77,569 checkouts, 5,897 reference questions answered, 65,583 visitors, and 50 bags distributed through the Born to Read program. Ms. Bechtel informed the Board that 2,763 individuals had participated in the Summer Reading Program. Discussion occurred regarding the changes in participation levels in the Summer Reading Program. Ms. Bechtel presented the Board with the number of Kerr County library cards purchased and the breakdown of patrons by residence.

Discussion occurred regarding the number of Kerr County cards purchased in FY14 and FY15. Ms. Bechtel presented the financial statements and revenue report for the Library and History Center. Mr. Jones stated for the record that he was not involved in the raising of the Interlibrary Loan fee and that it should have been brought before the Board prior to City Council approval. Ms. Bechtel informed the Board that the fee was to be part of the FY16 proposed fee schedule, but was adopted earlier when other fee schedule changes went before City Council. The Board discussed why the fee had been waived after the renovation of the Library.

Discussion occurred regarding the progress of repairs on the Library's air conditioning units. Discussion occurred regarding the collection of bad debt by the Kerrville Collection Bureau. Discussion occurred regarding Library signage. Ms. Bechtel announced that repairs are underway at the History Center.

3B. Update on Friends of the Library activities (Jane Smith)

Ms. Smith announced that the book sales are going well and they have received many donations. The Friends brought donations to the Rotary Club. On September 12, the Friends will host a panel discussion on self-

publishing, led by local authors Mary Lee Gowland and Skye Alexander. The Friends of the Library Board will meet Wednesday afternoon in the Library Conference Room.

3C. Next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting – August 18, 2015

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Ms. Bechtel announced that prior chairperson Judy Ward's husband passed away. Ms. Kenworthy noted that many attendees are expected for Roy Lee Ward's service and encouraged anyone wishing to attend to arrive early.

Ms. Bechtel announced that former Library employee Sue Peterson had passed away.

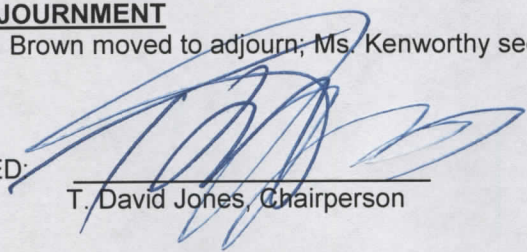
Ms. Bechtel announced the final Summer Reading programs for 2015.

Mr. Jones announced that August 4 is Coast Guard Day.

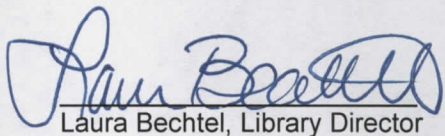
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Brown moved to adjourn; Ms. Kenworthy seconded. The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

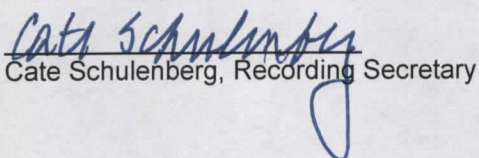
APPROVED:



T. David Jones, Chairperson



Laura Bechtel, Library Director



Cate Schlenberg, Recording Secretary

8/18/15
Date minutes approved & signed