



Library Board Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2015

Meeting called to order by Joanne Parkes at 3:00pm.

Members present:

Dave Browning
Ruth Garrison
Joanne Parkes
Dorothy Renstrom

Members excused:

Karla Brewster
Lena Fowler
Harriet Young

Library Staff present:

Heidi Holland
Jack Hallin

Other Staff present:

Rick Tadder, Acting Director of Management Services

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of August 27 were approved, with some comments. It was noted that the sound system in the Museum of Northern Arizona's auditorium is inadequate for listeners in the back half of the room. It crackled and disturbed the speaker. The library may want to bring its own sound system to future events.

Public Participation

McKenna wanted to see what a board meeting was like, and expressed how much she appreciates the library. At the end of the meeting, she had some questions as part of an assignment for one of her NAU classes. The ensuing discussion yielded a few interesting observations, such as how useful it has been that Coconino County joined forces with the city of Flagstaff, allowing the library to expand its geographic scope. Another Board member has observed the wide variety of individuals that take advantage of all the resources and activities that the library offers, a much broader range of people than she might have otherwise suspected. McKenna closed by mentioning how much she loved coming to the library as a child.

Library Director's Report

1. Heidi Holland told members about upcoming library programs. This week is Science week, so there are a lot of science projects in the Youth Services programs, particularly in a weekly program called Thursday Thinkers. They're also planning a sleepover in the library, but haven't yet decided on an age group. The Banned Book display is up right now. East Flagstaff regularly hosts the Booktalk Café, a book discussion group, which has even been attended



- by one of the authors. Other author events included the author of *On the Burning Edge* by a firefighter and another by an author of a book about fracking. Board Members expressed an interest in receiving flyers of upcoming events via email.
2. The city of Flagstaff will be holding an all-staff meeting on October 8, and the library will open late to accommodate the meeting.
 3. The Main and East Flagstaff branches are now using cash registers to handle monetary transactions.
 4. Grant projects are wrapping up. Tuba City's project is called Toddler Tales and included books, DVDs, storytime, parenting education, educational materials, and teaching motor skills. They also bought new furniture with the grant. Heidi gave some background of the Tuba City library, mentioning that it's a historical building, as well as providing some of its history, including its time as a shooting range. At East Flagstaff, they're finishing up their STEM grant, which they used, in collaboration with Killip School, to do a lot of Lego programs which develop motor and thinking skills. Kids also read books while experimenting with Legos.
 5. Youth Services is starting outreach to Haven Montessori school. Their students are having trouble coming to the library, so the library is going to them, doing storytimes and other programs.
 6. On the IT front, the library is now offering printing from mobile devices. We've also increased our Internet bandwidth to 50Mbps, but it's hard to keep up with demand. We want to increase to 100Mbps, but will need extra financial support from the city to do so, so we'll make that request soon. Our Library IT staff has taken over most of the Page Affiliate's IT needs, and Page Library staff are very happy about that. Finally, Main Library has a scanner that allows users to edit the scanned image interactively. We'd also like to get one for EFCL, but are still gathering funds. The scanner will also allow users to fax for a small fee.
 7. Dave asked if any resources are going digital only. We're considering not keeping all back issues of Arizona Daily Sun, because we have microfilm of them and Cline library keeps the hard copies.
 8. The Arizona Library Association conference is in Flagstaff this year in November, which allows more staff to attend. Harriet Young was chosen as volunteer of the year, and will be honored at the conference. Board Members can also attend the conference.
 9. Suzanne Martin just graduated from the Library Institute, a program that allows non-librarians to learn a lot of library skills outside of a university setting. This was her third and final year of attending.

Growth needs of libraries, affiliates, and branches

1. The library is still working on an agreement with CCC for the former barbershop space next door to EFCL.
2. Our agreement with the Land Commission is stalled, preventing us from making improvements at the Tuba City Library. They need new carpeting as well as some construction projects, including the Children's room.



Informational Items

1. There was general discussion of the value of the library, as related by Board members. They have learned about the wide range of activities the library undertakes, that it's not just a place to check out books, but that it offers a host of other resources and services as well.
2. Dave strongly recommended our Flagstaff Reads book, *Just Mercy*.

Close of Meeting

1. The next Library Board meeting is December 3 at 3:00pm at the Flagstaff Main Library.
2. Meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.