

Library Board Meeting Minutes for October 27, 2016

Meeting called to order by Dorothy Renstrom at 3:00pm

Members present:

Dorothy Renstrom
Dave Browning
Harriet Young
Patricia Horn

Members excused:

Marney Babbitt
Karla Brewster
Lena Fowler

Staff Liaison excused:

Heidi Holland, Library Director

Other Library staff present:

Holland Christie, Public Services Manager
Emily Eldridge, Administrative Specialist

Approval of previous meeting minutes: Minutes from the September meeting approved with no changes.

Public Participation: none

Library Directors Report:

As presented by Holland Christie-

1) Holland went over the multiple databases and online resources that the Flagstaff Public Library offers.

a. Social networks- overview of Facebook page. Events and program information is updated here frequently. Also share information about other libraries and library programs, articles, and pictures. The Library also has an active presence on Twitter.

b. Digital Collection- there are multiple databases on the website which host a variety of different materials. OneClick and Overdrive have audio books and e-books. OneClick has only audio books, but different audio books than Overdrive does. Zinio has magazines and is purchased by the State Library; Comics Plus has comic books (this service is nice because we have been able to fill holes in our collection and save money because we don't have to replace comic books due to physical wear and tear); Instant Flix is an independent films streaming service.

c. Online research- Categorized by subject or need. Most recent copies of World Book Encyclopedias are accessible as are Chilton Manuals. There are academic databases for articles and research. Old Flagstaff Directories/Phone Books were digitized about 5 years ago and uploaded online for accessibility (you don't even need a library card to access this information). Reference USA offers a wealth information on both businesses and individuals; anyone who is

listed in the phone book is in Reference USA.

d. Books- Novelist is a reader's advisory tool. It provides users with author or title read-a likes based on their preferences. The Reference department gets many questions about recommendations for books, so this tool is very helpful.

e. Job Help- Local resources if people are searching for employment locally or nationwide. Links to employment agencies, job help, etc.

f. Learning Express- this is a database that offers online tests for multiple exams and careers, such as GED, SAT, ACT, AP subject guides, CLD, Postal Workers exam, GRE, etc. It offers timed tests; representative of multiple fields such as pharmacy, cosmetology, real estate, and more. It is also a career learning site and can work hand in hand with the job help resources.

g. Genealogy- A version of Ancestry.com is offered; it is different than the paid version for personal use but is a great tool for someone who is just getting into researching genealogy.

2) Harriet presented a workshop on the upcoming voter propositions at the Library on 10/26.

3) There will be an event on October 29, after hours in the Library. The Youth Service department is going to be reading scary stories and ghost hunting using an app on the iPad.

4) A Youth Services Librarian, Reference Librarian, and the Outreach Coordinator were all selected to present at the AZLA Conference taking place in Tucson next week. They will be talking about the Picking Up S.T.E.A.M. program and out book club.

5) Stories to Life is happening at the Coconino Center for the Arts on Sunday October 30. It is a Halloween themed program called "Stranger Things Have Happened".

6) The Jan Romero Stevens Community Room can now be scheduled online and is accessible to the public.

Growth Needs of the Library: The Library is now open on Sundays! So far we have been open 2 Sundays. We are receiving positive feedback from the community about re-opening on Sundays and meeting the needs of patrons. The most previous Sunday was busier than the first Sunday we were open.

Informational items from Board Members: Patricia was registering voters in front of the Library and met some tourists from China who were curious about the building and were admiring from afar. Patricia encouraged them to go inside and they spent about 20 minutes looking around. They were fascinated with the beauty of the building, all the services we offer, and even remarked that they wanted to move to Flagstaff!

Dave wanted to share that if you would like to donate clothing or other items specifically to veterans, Catholic Charities Services offers a program specifically for that purpose. They accept wearable clothes in good condition. If something is not wearable, you can still donate it to Goodwill as Goodwill recycles these materials.

Harriet is attending an event with AAUW talking about "After Prop 123" in Phoenix and has invited other members to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm by Dorothy Renstrom