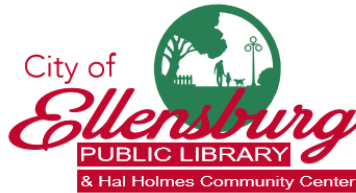


CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Date of Meeting:

Time of Meeting:

Place of Meeting:



LIBRARY BOARD

July 9, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Council Conference Room

Mary James, Chair, term expires December 31, 2027

Vikki Carpenter, Co-Chair, term expires December 31, 2028

Loretta Gray, Secretary, term expires December 31, 2027

Marty Blackson, term expires December 31, 2027

Andreina Delgado, term expires December 31, 2028

Melina Meador, term expires December 31, 2024

Richard Moreno, term expires December 31, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

James called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

II. ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Vikki Carpenter Andreina Delgado, Mary James, Rich Moreno

COUNCIL LIASON: Sarah Beauchamp (absent)

ABSENT: Marty Blackson, Loretta Gray, Melina Meador

STAFF: Josephine Camarillo, Sue Hart

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Moreno to approve the agenda, motion seconded, **motion approved**.

Motion passed 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Moreno to approve June 2024 minutes, motion seconded, **motion approved**.

Motion passed 4-0.

V. CORRESPONDENCE AND CITIZEN COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

No correspondence or citizen comments

VI. REPORTS

A. Director Report

(1) New facility assistant Sharona Klahn effective 7/16/2024; Ken Paschen, Circulation Supervisor has returned from medical leave.

(2) Adult services are in full swing; good attendance. They have done things like journal making, and D&D Jamboree. 190 attendees at the five programs offered.

(3) Two new hotspots were added for a total of five.

(4) Technical Services 373 physical items added, and 117 items deleted. Richard asked if deleted items go to the Friends of the Library, and they do.

(5) Kids kick off was a huge success with lots of people until 7:30 p.m. Around the World Culture also had a large attendance. Storytime in the park is connected with FISH free lunch program. The next goal is a neurodivergent story time which will be from 9:30 to 10:00, when the library opens.

This program will include interactive stories, tactile and other sensory options, fidget toys, headphones, story time for the visually impaired.

- B. Budget Report: 2025-2026 budget proposals are being prepared. Camarillo will request increases in operations budgets for materials, books, and databases. Will request increase in hours for part-time from 18 to 20 weekly hours, and additional overtime hours needed especially for staffing the heating and cooling center services provided in the Hal Holmes Center.
- C. Friends of the Library Report: No meeting in June. No report

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Birthday party January 24, 2025. Meador is consulting with her band about playing. Moreno is developing ideas for creating community interest and enthusiasm. Delgado will do posters. Library staff will create displays. James noted that at the September meeting, it will be time to develop an action plan.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Library Board Advocacy Discussion
James shared a diagram prepared by Director Camarillo on Library/Hal Holmes for a city supervisors retreat. Topics included space, relevance, functionality, public awareness, and connection. James opened the discussion by inviting Camarillo and Hart to talk about space. Hart spoke about the need for a dedicated space for Storytime, more bathrooms, and activity space for families. Camarillo noted to meet this need an addition to the Library building would be required. No formal proposal has been created, but we do need to do a feasibility study. James asked how such a project is funded. Camarillo explained that we would need to fund raise. Moreno and Delgado suggested targeting audiences with social media, doing testimonials about the library, etc. to increase advocacy awareness. James commented that the Library staff's creative programing is also excellent outreach that creates support in the community.
- B. Cooling center on Friday had three people, Saturday one person Sunday, two people.
- C. Nancy Jurenka bequeathed monies for Youth Department.

IX. UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS

X. UNSCHEDULED BUSINESS

Need to look for additional Library Board Members

XI. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, at City Hall

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned by James at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vikki Carpenter and Mary James