



TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 1, 2021

Present: Alan Feinstein, Kaia Gill, Dana Paulino, Nicholas Schiller, Thea Wood, Marcus Young

Absent: Oksana Davletshina

Public: Beth Dittman, TPARK Chair

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director
Sarah Jesudason, Public Services Supervisor

A. CALL TO ORDER

Thea Wood called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nicholas Schiller moved and Alan Feinstein seconded that the May meeting minutes be approved as written; approved by consensus.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair: None.

2. Staff: Jerianne Thompson reported the Library has promoted Kit Lorelied to STEAM Librarian (Librarian II). A Parks Utility Fee will appear on utility statements starting in July; the funds raised will help address deferred maintenance projects in the parks. The City is hiding blown-glass orbs in honor of pollinator week. Thompson shared recent statistics.

3. Teen Library Committee: Kaia Gill reported that TLC's Future Days program series was a success. The committee is assisting with Summer Reading programs for teens.

4. Public: None.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. Library Operations & Makerspace Update: Jerianne Thompson provided an update on library operations and construction of the makerspace. Library management is currently planning for reopening for limited browsing after the makerspace construction is complete, which is expected in early June.

2. Meeting Room Use Policy: Jerianne Thompson shared revisions to the Meeting Room Use Policy, based on discussion at the May meeting. Alan Feinstein moved to recommend approval of the policy; Marcus Young seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Land Acknowledgement: TPARK Chair Beth Dittman reported that she is forming a working group to create a land acknowledgement for City use. A land acknowledgement is a formal statement that opens events and gatherings by acknowledging the traditional Indigenous inhabitants of that land. The discussion began with TPARK and has become a charge from the City Council; the goal is to create a statement draft by August. Nicholas Schiller volunteered to represent TLAC on the working group.

2. Summer Reading Program: Sarah Jesudason shared details about the 2021 Summer Reading Program, which started today. This year, readers are challenged to complete a bingo card with different categories of reading and activities. In July or August, readers can trade their completed bingo card for grand prize entries and free books (one for adults, two for children and teens). While some programs will continue to be held virtually, the Library will feature weekly storytimes in the parks and weekly science experiences on the Library plaza and at Tualatin Elementary (a free lunch site). The Library will also serve as a free lunch site for the summer.

3. E-books: Sarah Jesudason shared statistics about the growth of e-books throughout WCCLS. During the COVID-19 pandemic, WCCLS experienced an exponential growth in new users, with about 29,000 total e-book users countywide. The e-book and downloadable audiobook collection has nearly doubled in size since 2019. Among the additions has been more Spanish-language titles.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Makerspace Use Policy

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Members: None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 PM.

_____, Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary