



TUALATIN LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 9, 2024

Present: Dana Paulino, Ashley Payne, Paul Turnbach, Thea Wood, Marcus Young

Absent: Dawnell Meyer, Satvika Vadapu

Public:

Staff: Jerianne Thompson, Library Director

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dana Paulino called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ashley Payne moved to accept the March meeting minutes as written; Thea Wood seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

C. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Chair: None.

2. Staff: Jerianne Thompson provided information about activities planned in April including the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge and STEM Month. In recognition of National Library Week, Thompson shared an update related to the growing number of book challenges in the United States. She also invited committee members to attend the upcoming volunteer appreciation event and State of the City and shared recent statistics and comment cards.

3. Teen Library Committee: Thompson reported that the Library is accepting applications for its summer teen volunteer program. Upcoming programs TLC is helping with include the Murder Mystery and a Nerf battle.

4. Public: None.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. WCCLS Funding and Governance Evaluation: Thompson reported that Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) recently kicked off its funding and governance evaluation project with consultant Merina + Co. She reviewed the goals, objectives, and intended outcomes of the project. The consultant is gathering information from the county and member libraries. At this point, the public engagement strategy is unclear.

2. Library User Survey: Committee members reviewed comments to open-ended questions in the recently conducted annual library user survey. Dozens of comments were shared about library programs, the collection, and recognizing the good work of library staff.

3. Council Liaison: Committee members continued their discussion about the potential value and impacts of adding a liaison from City Council. Committee members agreed by consensus that there is potential value in the idea, that City Council seems well informed about what's happening at the library, and that the committee does not see a driving need to add a liaison at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Strategic Plan Update: Thompson requested tabling this item until the May committee meeting.

F. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Makerspace Use Policy
2. Marketing Plan Update

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Members: Payne asked about the plans for presentations to the committee about library program and service areas. Thompson said those presentations will start this summer.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Jerianne Thompson, Recording Secretary