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DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Emily Fowler Central Library Meeting Room – September 12, 2022

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Emily Fowler Central Library Meeting Room at 502 Oakland St., Denton, Texas. Chair Cleopatra Birckbichler, Vice-Chair Ling Jeng, and Members Laura Cantu, Dallas Guill, and Sandy Swan were in attendance.

PRESENT: Cleopatra Birckbichler, Ling Jeng, Laura Cantu, Dallas Guill, and Sandy Swan

ABSENT: Jean Greenlaw

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker, Cynthia Carter, Kobie Clarke

GUESTS: Lucinda Breeding-Gonzales

1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NONE

2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. LB22-047

Consider approval of the minutes of the August 8, 2022, meeting.

The Board accepted and approved amended minutes of the August 8, 2022, meeting. Sandy Swan motioned for approval, Ling Jeng seconded, all in favor.

B. LB22-043

The Board received an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting.

C. LB22-042

The Board received an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation.

- There have been no changes since the last Library Board meeting.

D. LB22-044

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction regarding TexShare card limits and full-service resident account renewal periods.

- *TexShare card limits*- Denton Public Library participates in the Texas State Library and Archive Commission's TexShare Card Program. The program allows individuals with library accounts from any other participating library in Texas to also check out items from Denton Public Library.

Currently TexShare card users may check out one item at a time from Denton Public Library. A survey of area public libraries indicated that most libraries allow five checkouts at a time for TexShare card users. To remain consistent with other Denton Public Library account limits for youth courtesy, DISD Books2Go, and temporary resident accounts, library staff recommend increasing the limit to three items at a time.

- *Account renewal periods*- Full-service resident accounts must currently be renewed annually. Library patrons frequently share that they are frustrated with the frequency of renewal. If an account is expired, patrons cannot place holds, access digital materials, or check out items until the account is renewed. After surveying other area public libraries, it was discovered that the majority had a two, three, or five-year renewal period. All other account types (non-resident, youth courtesy, DISD Books2Go, temporary resident, etc.) would retain the current renewal periods

Library staff recommend changing the renewal period for full-service resident accounts to three years.

Sandy Swan motioned for approval, Dallas Guill seconded, all in favor.

E. LB22-046

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and considered approval of the additional fall classes and events at the Denton Public Library:

The Library Board approved library fall 2022 classes and events at the August 8, 2022 Board meeting. Two additional classes have been proposed. They were not included in the original list of approved events as the presenter had not been finalized at the time of the Board review of programs.

The two programs are:

- Tarot 101 October 4 at 7pm Learn the basics of the tarot at this class hosted by a teacher from local metaphysical shop Bewitched Denton.
- Healing Crystals 101 September 27 at 7 pm Learn about the different types of crystals and what they do. This workshop will be hosted by a teacher from local metaphysical shop Bewitched Denton.

Sandy Swan motioned for approval, Laura Cantu seconded, all in favor.

F. LB22-048

The Board received a report, held a discussion, and gave staff direction regarding Denton Public Library being awarded a 2023 Texas Reads Grant.

Denton Public Library has been awarded a \$7,252 Texas Reads Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The grant is funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (LS-252486-OLS-22). The grant award will fund a StoryWalk® along the sidewalk trail in Fred Moore Park. The StoryWalk® will include 20 sign posts with 1-2 book pages. Park visitors and trail walkers can follow the path to read the entire story. Books will be changed at least quarterly and may additionally be changed for special events or holidays.

G. LB22-045

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the Denton Public Library Strategic Plan.

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) requires all public libraries to have a regularly updated strategic plan as part of the state accreditation process. The Denton Public Library's current strategic plan was initially for 2019-2021. The plan was extended one year due to the COVID pandemic. A new five-year strategic plan is being developed for implementation in 2023.

As part of the strategic planning process, library leadership is seeking input from all library staff members, Library Board members, Friends of the Library members, and Denton community members. Input from all groups will be used to develop the new strategic plan.

The Library conducted a SOAR (strengths, opportunities, aspirations, results) analysis with Library Board Members and received direction regarding the library's vision and values.

Data collected will be used to clarify the Library's goals and plan for future projects and initiatives.

3. CONCLUDING ITEMS None.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Cleopatra Birckbichler, President

Cynthia Carter, Administrative Assistant
City of Denton, TX

Minutes approved on: _____