

The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Dean Gisvold called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

Board members present were: Joe Arellano, Robert Brading, Gwen Farnham Hyland, Stephen Feltz, Mark Garber, Molly Gloss, Rick Gustafson, Susan Hathaway-Marxer, Diane McKeel, Donna Oden-Orr and Jeffrey Tashman. Board member Alice Meyer was excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, Connie Christopher, Becky Cobb, Mary Devlin, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Mike Harrington, Penny Hummel, Sharon Klemp, June Mikkelsen, Lance Murty, Carolyn Myers, Virginia Tribe, Patricia Welch, Nicole Newsom, Brenda Clark, Marcia Anderson and Monique Coleman. Also in attendance were: Karie Trumbo and Marcia Director (The Library Foundation), and Martha Gies, library board nominee.

The minutes of the January 20, 2004 meeting were approved. Notetaker's note: February Agenda stated approval of minutes of December 9, 2003 meeting; should be minutes of January 20, 2004 meeting.

Dean asked that the Information Item regarding Early Literacy programming be tabled until the next meeting to allow all board members to attend the meeting of the Library Board Finance Committee immediately following the adjournment of regular business.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's Report was discussed. Specific items discussed were:

- 1) The USA Patriot Act Forum on February 11 which Molly will moderate
- 2) Molly noted there were several items regarding programming that celebrated the diversity in our community. The programs noted were the African-American Read-in at the North Portland Library, the bilingual Hispanic music program at several branches and the Vietnamese Tet celebration at Portland State University.
- 3) Penny Hummel noted the upcoming Everybody Reads programs. She encouraged Board members to attend events and provide feedback for future programming. Robert Brading talked about the opportunity to attend the Mt Hood Community College's play event, Fahrenheit 451, including Tobias Anderson who originated the lead role of Fire Captain Beatty and reprises it in this production. The play runs Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. and Sundays, Feb. 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. at the Mt. Hood Community College main theatre at 26000 S.E. Stark St., Gresham, Oregon.
- 4) Molly also commended staff whose contributions add not only to staff development but also bring visibility to our library.

Diane McKeel mentioned that Molly and Penny will attend the Troutdale Chamber of Commerce's "Business AM" on Wednesday, February 11 for a book discussion of Fahrenheit 451 at the Fairview-Columbia Library.

Nominating Committee Report

Dean Gisvold noted the Nominating Committee Report had been forwarded to the Chair's office for her review and consideration. At this time, the Chair has not yet given a timeline for her decision. Board members will hear more information as it becomes available.

Branch Renovation Report

As Molly reported Hillsdale will have its "soft" opening on Monday, March 8 and the Grand Opening will be on Saturday, March 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June reported that Friday, March 5 will be Hard Hat Day, when several classes of young children from local schools tour the library before its opening. June also noted the Library Foundation would host a "sneak preview" reception on Sunday, March 7 from 2pm to 4pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m. These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled board meeting.