

The Multnomah County Library Board met on Tuesday, July 12, 2005, at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Chair Dean Gisvold called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

Board members present were: Gwen Farnham Hyland, Molly Gloss, Rick Gustafson, Jon Kruse, Marneet Lewis, Alice Meyer, and Donna Oden-Orr. Board members Joe Arellano, Rob Brading, Stephen Feltz, Mark Garber, Martha Gies, Diane McKeel and Diane Xiong were excused.

Staff members present were: Molly Raphael, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Cindy Gibbon, Mike Harrington, Rita Jimenez, June Mikkelsen, Lance Murty, Carolyn Myers, Vailey Oehlke, Leila Wrathall, Fun Martin, Susan Egan, Brenda Clark, Virginia Tribe, Marcia Anderson, Carol Rogers, Jim Carmin and Monique Coleman. Also in attendance were: Rob Fussell - Interim Chief of Staff of County Chair Diane Linn's Office, Stephanie Vardavas - President of the Friends of the Library, Katie Lane of the County Attorney's Office and Matt Bellamy with 3M Corporation.

The minutes of the June 14, 2005 meeting were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Alice Meyer asked board members about setting a date for the potluck. She is having difficult reaching a critical mass and asked if they prefer she set a meeting time or try to find a time when everyone could attend. Those present elected to have Alice set a date. Alice will send information regarding the potluck shortly after the meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Molly Raphael reported that the Board's recommendation for appointment and re-appointment had been forwarded to Chair Linn for review. Chair Linn's Office has endorsed these recommendations and forwarded them on to the Board of County Commissioners for confirmation. Molly Raphael anticipates confirmation of Marian Creamer's appointment to the Library Advisory Board as well as Alice Meyer's and Rick Gustafson's reappointment at the Board of County Commissioners' meeting on Thursday, July 28.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- 1) The 2005 Summer Reading Program. Molly Raphael said she expect great results from the program especially with additional funding from the Library Foundation to hire temporary outreach staffers to reach previously underserved populations.
- 2) Everybody Reads 2006. *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini is the selection for the ER 2006 program. Molly Raphael talked about the book's popularity due to its

emotionally riveting story and its timely focus on the Middle East. She added there would be an exciting line-up of events for people to interact with each other, participate in public discussion and experience a wide array of cultural programming.

Molly Raphael also reported on Ellen Fader's inauguration as the President of the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association. She mentioned the inauguration event at the recent American Libraries Association Annual meeting.

An FAQ regarding the ILS migration was distributed. The handout outlined the process and provided answers to key questions.

Board members also received a handout providing a breakdown of revenue sources in response to a request for information at the June board meeting.

LIBRARY PLANNING PROCESS UPDATE

Molly Raphael reported that the next formal step of the process will be to visit all County Commissioners to discuss the planning goals. She will obtain feedback from individual commissioners on the goals before a presentation to the full Board of County Commissioners requesting their formal adoption of these goals. The visits with Commissioners will take place in late July and August.

THEFT OF MATERIALS AT THE LIBRARY

Molly Raphael reported the Library has taken a number of steps to address the theft issue in the short-term. All DVDs and CDs on hold are now housed in staff-controlled areas. Other DVDs and CDs have been moved to more visible areas. These measures while subtle in change can be powerful deterrents. Molly noted there is no quick or easy solution to the theft issue; tagging all of the items and installing gates at all locations would cost \$1.5 million. This is not an investment the Library will make without careful study. In an informal survey of her peers during the recent American Libraries Association Conference, Molly asked several directors of large public library systems about their security systems. Several directors responded that they were considering discontinuing the system as they did not think they were effective and the annual maintenance fees were high. The Library will have an open request for proposals process which will not specify what kind of security system is needed. Molly is hopeful this type of proposal request will result in cost-effective, innovative solutions to theft issue.

Mark Garber says the matter is a public relations issue. Molly said while it's not easy to manage, she continues to talk about what we ARE doing. Cindy says the Request for Proposal will be complete by September 1st and the Library should have a sense of what the cost will be by October.

OPEN MEETING LAW

County Attorney Katie Lane outlined the requirements for Oregon Public Meeting Law. She cautioned the Library Advisory Board to keep in mind that any discussion by the

group leading to a decision, e.g., forwarding a recommendation to either the Director of Libraries and/or the Board of County Commissioners for action or consideration; creating, amending and/or affirming a resolution, etc. should be considered an open meeting and therefore should adhere to the requirements of the Oregon Public Meeting Law. Katie said a meeting can constitute any method of discussion (email, conference call, etc). She noted that the requirements of the Public Meeting Law applies to subcommittee meetings as well. All meeting information should be posted on the Library's website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Carmin spoke briefly about the current 1905 Lewis & Clark Centennial Exposition running through July 27 and the upcoming exhibit featuring Native American literature beginning August 2 through September 29.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m. These minutes are subject to approval at the next scheduled board meeting.