
Library Advisory Board Minutes November 11, 2008
For Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB)

The Multnomah County Library Advisory Board (LAB) met on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at Central Library in the U.S. Bank Meeting Room. Vice Chair Mark Garber called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Board members present were: David Blount, Robert Brading, Marian Creamer, George Feldman, Mark Garber, Ruth Gundle, Ethan Johnson, Kate Kerns, Henry Li, John Potter, Henise Telles-Ferreira, Carlene Weldon and Sola Whitehead. Board members Rick Gustafson, Virginia Koontz, Diane McKeel and Alice Meyer were excused.

Staff members present were: Candy Bertleson, John Cabrera, Cathy Camper, Becky Cobb, Ellen Fader, Tasha Forrester, Cindy Gibbon, Penny Hummel, Hailey Islieb, June Mikkelsen, Lance Murty, Katie O'Dell, Jackie Partch, Molly Raphael, Leila Wrathall and Yvonne Chambers.

Also in attendance were: Zackary McChesney, on behalf of Commissioner Lisa Naito; Merris Sumrall and Karie Trumbo, The Library Foundation; Anne Pearson, Friends of the Library; and Tom Weldon, community member.

The minutes of the October 14, 2008 meeting were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Vice Chair Mark Garber welcomed John Potter and Sola Whitehead to their first official LAB meeting. Mark also congratulated Diane McKeel on her recent approval by voters for Position 4 on the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). With Diane's election to the BCC, there will be an unexpected vacancy on the LAB when Diane assumes her new role in January.

Mark reported on Virginia's attendance at the Central Citizen Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) meeting on behalf of the LAB. During the meeting Multnomah County Chair Wheeler indicated there will be a declining budget situation in fiscal year 2009-2010. However, the County will continue to fulfill its commitment to the community and the library levy.

Mark announced that Ursula LeGuin, Molly Gloss and Susan Hathaway-Marxer have been asked, and have agreed, to serve on the LAB Access Services Advisory Committee. There is still a need for additional members on the Finance Committee and the Nominating Committee.

Molly Raphael recognized Sara Ryan for winning the Literary Arts Oregon Book Award. Sara's book *The Rules for Hearts* tied with *A Taste for Rabbit*, by Linda Zuckerman, for the young adult literature award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marian reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee and formally introduced new Board members John Potter and Sola Whitehead.

Ruth Gundle reported on behalf of the Library Futures Committee. A meeting has been scheduled for November 24, 5:00 – 6:30 pm at Central Library on the 5th floor in Conference Room C. Vailey Oehlke, Deputy Director, will be addressing the committee and sharing her experiences from a recent Urban Libraries Council tour of European libraries.

Cindy Gibbon reported on behalf of the Access Services Advisory Committee. An orientation meeting has been scheduled for December 10th. The Committee will be introduced to past access issues and the possibility of future use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology at MCL.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Molly announced that the BCC recently approved a budget modification adding \$926,272 in Foundation funding to the Library's 2008-09 budget. She also informed everyone that a recent ballot measure for establishing a library district in Clackamas County passed.

SCHOOL CORPS PRESENTATION

Cathy Camper and Jackie Partch, MCL Youth Librarians, appeared before the LAB to introduce them to the library's School Corps program and the work they do in public and private schools throughout the county.

The School Corps program was conceived over 10 years ago as a library without walls to provide a universe of information to the students and educators they serve. Teaching them how to use electronic resources exposes them to materials and services they might not otherwise be able to access.

TAPESTRY OF TALES PRESENTATION

Natasha Forrester, Youth Librarian, Capitol Hill Library, presented a story and reported on the first Tapestry of Tales event of this year's festival, "Cringe Down Memory Lane." Twenty-one people attended the event and shared diary entries, old love letters, school essays, and other writings from their teens and twenties.

NEW LIBRARIES

Molly gave an update on the progress of the two new libraries. The site selection process for the Troutdale Library continues and a community hearing has been scheduled for Monday, November 24, 7 p.m., at the Troutdale City Conference Building, 223 S. Buxton, Troutdale. The goal is to narrow the list of sites to two or three, and then take a resolution to the BCC in December asking direction for us to negotiate with two or three developers.

The Kenton site is in the final stages of lease negotiations. The lease is expected to be executed by the middle of December. On Wednesday, November 12, there will be a public meeting with Commissioner Jeff Cogen.

FRIENDS AND FOUNDATION UPDATE

Anne Pearson reported on behalf of the Friends of the Library. She mentioned that the Friends of the Library Store at Central Library is a good resource for holiday shopping, particularly since the new manager of the store is bringing in works by local artists.

Karie Trumbo presented on behalf of The Library Foundation. She shared information regarding The Foundation's work with the New Parents Gift Program and its expansion through a recent partnership with UPS.

GOOD & WELFARE

The next LAB meeting will be on December 9, 2008. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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