

Minutes of the Elko County Library Board

January 19, 2016

Date, Time, and Place

The meeting was called to order on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 4:05 pm in the meeting room of the Elko County Library with Lane Diedrichsen presiding.

Attendance

Laura Oki, Russ Orr, Lynne Volpi, Lane Diedrichsen, and Wendy McClure-Porter were present. Commissioner Eklund was unable to attend. Library Director Jeanette M. Hammons was present. Audience: Kassie Antonucci.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Volpi motioned to approve the December 15, 2015 minutes with a second by Orr. Unanimous, Diedrichsen voted aye. Motion carried.

Claims

Volpi motioned to approve the claims from 12/21/15, 1/5/16, and 1/19/16 with a second by McClure-Porter. Unanimous, Diedrichsen voted aye. Motion carried.

Operating Report

Programming for December:
Youth

Library Programs:

--1 Toddler Time: 8
--14 Story Times: 375
--1 Teen Book Club: 3
--1 Tween Book & Movie: 4
--1 Maker Monday: 3
--2 Crafts: 44

Outreach Programs:

--Outreach: 23/1,662
-- Festival of Trees: 19/1,226
 13 Elementary School groups
 1 Charter School group
 5 Preschool/PreK groups
--2 Charter School: 112
--1 Visit with Santa: 305

--1 Family Gingerbread House Contest with 19 entries

Total for December: 43 programs/2,099 participants

Volunteer Hours: 13

AWE Early Literacy Usage (4 computers):

--199 sessions

AWE AfterSchool Edge Usage (2 tablets):
 --23 sessions (low number due to battery issues)

Adult

Visitors-17,185
 Circulation-12,579
 Meeting Room-33/429
 Internet Sessions-1,279

Branch Statistics for January

Branch	Total Attendance	Total Circulation	I
Carlin	179	129	
Crescent Valley	55	70	
Eureka	236	359	
Jackpot	396	654	
Wells	343	665	
West Wendover	495	528	
Bookmobile	540	1221	
Books Express	n/a	185	
Extension	n/a	23	
Tuscarora	38	46	
	2866	4760	

Staff

- Annette Robinson, the new Circulation Supervisor, was introduced.
- Holly Whittle has accepted the Youth Services Librarian position. She will start Monday, February 8. Her parents live in Spring Creek. It was a unanimous decision from the Interview Committee. We believe she will be a definite asset to the Library and County.

Facilities

Nothing new to report.

Services

- ***Sugar Plum Tree numbers:***
 County-93 tags
 Green Acres-12 tags
 Manor-85 tags
 NYTC-23 tags
 Total-213 tags

The youngest was 1 with the oldest 101.

- **Food for Fines**
 842 pounds of food was donated to the Salvation Army during the months of November and December. \$1,029.15 was waived in fines.

- **Free Speech area**

Upon the recommendation of the Assistant District Attorney, the Board discussed the possibility of adopting a “Free Speech Area” policy. The Board considered the need for additional public access, the practical set up for access and alternatives to access. The small area in the front of the library’s entry door concerned the Board. They believe the area is too small to accommodate another use as it is the only entrance into the library for the public. They believe patrons would be intimidated with individuals “crowding” that area. The library receives donations on many topics. These donations are considered for adding to the collection if the condition is good and the collection is lacking in that area so they do not see a need for additional access. The library already offers a Magazine Exchange rack and a Literature Display for the public to place magazines, books, and informational pamphlets for the public.

Oki motioned to NOT adopt a “Free Speech” area in front of the Library at this time based upon the reasons given during the discussion with a second by Volpi. Unanimous, Diedrichsen voted aye. Motion carried.

Diedrichsen directed Hammons to inquiry about the relationship between a Free Speech area and the Library being a “designated area to gather signatures”.

- Digital Information Boards-there was nothing at this time to present to the Board.

Budget

Work has begun on the budgets.

Eureka

- We were to attend the Eureka County Commissioners’ meeting on Friday the 15th so they could give us direction for the new budget. They wanted us to be there in person. We had to turn around due to poor road conditions. The Commissioners did not travel to Eureka either and one could not get off his ranch. At this point we will be working on a zero increase in last year’s budget as the county has been discussing layoffs since October.

Lander

- We will be going with a 2% increase.

Elko

- Negotiations for the new bargaining unit contract will probably begin next month. A minimum increase in services and supplies will be figured. A zero increase in wages; a 1 ½% (July) and 1 ½% (January) increase; and a 3% increase overall in wages will be figured to cover possibilities of the negotiations.

Other Matters of Interest

January Activities

- Regular programs of Story time; Game Time Thursdays, Teen Book Club, and After School Crafts continue as usual.
 - 2016 Legos Creations Contest! Entries accepted from January 11-23 with voting taking place January 25-28. 1st and 2nd place winners will receive Gift Certificates to
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the Book Store! Entries can be family/group or Individuals. Packets are available at the library or on the library's website.

- The Adult Spelling Bee was held Saturday, January 16 at 1:00 at the Library. The winner was Wendy Bernhardt.
- The Family History Workshop is scheduled for Monday, January 25 at 6:00.
- Test Prep Club (formerly SAT, ACT, and GED Prep Clubs) will meet every Saturday at 2:00/
- Cowboy Poetry Story Time will Wednesday, January 27 @ 10:30. Trinity Seely will be the guest poet.
- Krista Langhans, a former Barrick student, will be doing a Cowboy Poetry event Wednesday, January 27 in the afternoon as a project for college. She is finalizing the details this week.

**Trustee
Business**

Updates from Board Members

- Diedrichsen was reappointed January 6, 2016 for his second full term. It will end December 31, 2019.

Other Matters of Interest

None

**Public
Comment
Adjournment**

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2016 immediately after the Law Library Board meeting.

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