

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 17th, 2024

- Present:** Scott Siracusa (K.F.), Spyder (SR), Joe Spendolini (K.F.), Rigo Cisneros (K.F.) Tim Sexton (Chiloquin), Jennifer Cole (Keno), Del Fox (Merrill), Katie Walker (Malin), Nathalie Johnston (Director), Cindy Williams (Recorder).
- Call to order:** 12:00 p.m.
- Membership:** The B.O.C.C. will be interviewing applicants on July 23rd and Scott will attend. Scott has spoken with Sandy (B.O.C.C. Administrative Manager) regarding how to communicate better with applicants since the B.O.C.C. only interviews quarterly. Chris Netterer's term expired June 30th, 2024, and there are vacancies in Bly and Chemult.
- Branch Reports:**
- Nathalie reported for Chris who is on vacation. Bonanza is very busy with Summer Reading Program (S.R.P.). They will be getting a summer intern this week who will be working 16 hours a week. Klamath Works will be paying their wages.
- Tim reported that Chiloquin is doing well, and they had ten kids for their Wednesday program. People are coming in to beat the heat and use the internet.
- Jennifer: Journey Lee reported overall patron use is strong at the Keno branch. The summer reading program is going very well as is the Teen/Tween "hang out" that Robert McNab started a few months ago. She and Robert are now turning their attention to looking for adult programs to meet the needs of a variety of adult ages. Journey reported that the feedback she's received directly from patrons about the new, welcoming look of the library has been all positive. There has been a challenge with some patrons printing and not paying for their printing. As Nathalie's report indicates, after difficulties with the printer, all patron printing is now done by staff members on a staff printer. Journey reports this has eliminated the problem of patrons trying to avoid paying for their printing. While she did not go into detail there have been some stressful interactions with patrons after the printing incident and they are keeping an eye on one situation in particular. Finally, there was feedback to Journey that having pride flags displayed in the library, especially during months other than Pride Month made a patron feel unwelcome. That was not their intention and they have taken down all the flags. She stressed their goal is to make all people feel welcome and comfortable in the library.
- Del had nothing to report.
- Scott reported that it was great to see all the kids here for the S.R.P. The program ends on August 17th and is funded by the State Library. The funds pay for performers, prizes, supplies etc. Scott recommends having Scott Wolf who has been running a raptor program at Running Y for our S.R.P. He will send Nathalie his information.
- Katie reported that the Malin branch had a great start last week for the S.R.P. The Reptile program and the foam party were very popular. There was an issue with the water for the garden when the city worked on the street and parking was limited.
- Joe had no report. Nathalie added that two summer interns from Klamath Works will start the last week of July.

Spyder reported that Sprague River is doing great, and staff are busy with the S.R.P. They had 27 kids the first week, but only 5 the second week due to the Christian Bible School being on break. Paving the parking lot is scheduled the near future (maybe 2025 if needed). Spyder asked about the Dolly Parton funding. Nathalie said that ½ is paid by The Friends of the Library and the other ½ is paid by the State Library. 18 months are funded and then fundraising will have to begin.

Rigo has very busy. Nathalie said that the Library's Spanish Storytime is very busy and we have a nice Spanish collection of materials.

Director:

Library Amphitheatre: Nathalie hopes to have an updated design by August. She will share with the committee when it is ready.

Non Resident Cards: The committee was polled and the consensus was not to offer cards to non-residents. The committee was in agreement to prioritize local taxpayers who fund the Library.

Chemult/Gilchrist branch. The two branches are twenty minutes apart and the Library is having staffing issues and a problem with a landlord not wanting to maintain his building. The Committee was in agreement to consolidate our resources to one branch in Crescent. Joe recommended speaking with Rick Vaughn to see if county properties are available. We could offer an honor collection in Chemult and Gilchrist. Pilot offers Wi-Fi and has a printer service for the public.

Strategic Planning: Nathalie is working on a request for bids draft with Klamath County Contract manager for a Strategic Planning facilitator. She will send a copy to the members when it is completed. Scott recommends a diverse interview panel. Nathalie will have members from the Advisory Committee, Library Foundation, Friends of the Library, and B.O.C.C. review the applications.

Nathalie thanked the committee members for their feed-back.

Adjourned:

12:53 p.m.

Next Meeting:

October 16, 2024, Noon. In person and Zoom.