



**Friends of the Klamath County Library  
Quarterly Membership Meeting Minutes  
20 September 2023  
(at the Library)**

The meeting was called to order by Fran McDermott, at 14:00.

Fran introduced Dr. Lawrence Powers, author and editor, to talk about the issues of self-editing, copywriting, and the use of copyrighted materials for authors. Dr. Powers prepared a handout for attendees outlining his intended discussion of these subjects.

Dr. Powers summarized the various types of editing an author might do and spoke about when one should do that editing. He noted that using others as readers of your work provided proof-reading, content and style analysis. He contrasted self-editing with professional editing. And he emphasized that reading your work aloud is one of the best editing techniques.

Copyright laws are somewhat complicated and the use of others' copyrighted work must be done carefully to work within those laws. Dr. Powers outlined current copyright laws, emphasized that he is not a lawyer, and encouraged using the services of a legal professional if issues arise. His handout for attendees condensed copyright laws and definitions as an introduction to the topic.

Attendees asked engaging questions throughout the presentation; interest in the various topics was keen so the meeting extended beyond its scheduled close.

At the conclusion of Dr. Powers' presentation, Gloria Reyes from Library Youth Services talked about a volunteer opportunity for anyone interested. The library is holding a series of art classes for youngsters through the fall and needs assistants to the instructor to work with the children. At least one person volunteered to help.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 15:00**

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Deutschman, Secretary  
Friends of the Klamath County Library