

KRUM LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING NOTES

July 18, 2017

Meeting Started: 7:05 Meeting Ended: 8:31

Members:

Present:

Kelly Ring – Chair
Donna O’Dania – Vice Chair
Bonnie Barthold

Pamela Gregory
Adrienne Pohrte
Joy Wear
Donna Pierce- Librarian

Absent:

Charlotte Guest

Visitors: none

1. Pamela Gregory made a motion the minutes from the June meeting be approved and Adrienne Pohrte seconded.
2. Friends of the Library – no update available from the Friends
3. Update from Library Director (Donna Pierce)
 - A. Monthly Statistics
 - Total gate count was 2,374, with an average daily gate count of 108. There were 27 programs held, with a total program attendance of 1,152. 126 new library cards were issued. Total circulation for the month of June was 3,461.
 - B. Summer Reading Statistics
 - A total of 1,085 patrons participated in 27 Programs for the June portion of Summer Reading program. 755 participants were children, 26 were teens, and 304 were adults.
 - Reflections on each program:
 - Stress Management - was a disappointment and will not be used again.
 - Brett Roberts Bubble Show – great but will probably skip next year since he has been here the last few years
 - Drop-in craft – continue next year but separate from Children’s Hour, perhaps same day but a later time to prevent overlapping crowds and activities in the shared space
 - Adult Social Hour – continue this and advertise more in the future
 - Perot Tech Truck – was great
 - Professor Brainius – was great but every 3-4 years is frequent enough
 - Book Club – it is still good
 - Blue Diamond Art Gallery – nice job, might reuse in the future, possibly at other times
 - Slick Juggler – good, possibly have back next year
 - Therapy Horses – huge hit, great program
 - Repco Wildlife – The Raptors group would be better, presenter was knowledgeable but had no control of the children
 - Animal Connections – good program, very hands on
 - Potential additions or changes for next year:
 - possibly the Drum performer from a few years ago
 - move big program to Wednesday since it was difficult to get prepared and set up and advertise online when closed the day before the program
 - bring back Rochelle who presented in the past (possibly even for a January program)

C. Fall Programs

- American Girl Book Club – 2nd Saturday of the month 10 AM
- Children’s Hour – will resume on Tuesday, September 5
- After School Lego Drop in - Tuesdays 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- After School Teen Time – Wednesdays 4:00 – 6:00 PM (for 32 weeks will need 1 career person for a career corner and 3 volunteers to supervise and sell pizza, soft drinks, etc.)
- Adult Social Hour – Thursdays 10:00 AM – Noon (open to all adults but no kids, will meet weekly and will have a monthly program starting in September)
- Book Club – 2nd Tuesday night monthly
- Homeschool meet-up – 2nd Thursdays, time TBD (possibly 1:00-3:00 PM)
- Last Saturday Event – a special event on the last Saturday of the month (September will be a Bicycle Rodeo in partnership with the Police Department)

D. Updates on Building – ADA, etc.

- new building passed ADA inspection with minor improvements suggested (change a few door handles and lighten the weight of restroom doors)

4. Discuss Director and Library action plans as implemented by City Council

- Regarding Better Reporting of Gate Count
 - possibly add a monthly count statistics section to the KPL website
 - Gate Count will be renamed Library Visits
- Regarding Hostile Work Environment development of political policy
 - “Though political discourse is necessary to democracy, staff should refrain from politically charged conversations.”
- Regarding Communication with Mayor and Council
 - Board will assist Director Pierce in assembling a notebook of relevant data to take to Council Meetings as well as preparing her for questions that might arise from information presented

5. Discuss and Consider Art Policy for the Library

• Questions to consider:

1. Why do we want to display art?

- Fine Arts Staging – a group that rents museum level artists that would be rotated quarterly; allows patrons to have access to famous artists at a very low cost
- local artists – allow local artists to display their work for a time period, advertised as available for purchase as the artists wishes (similar to a gallery)

2. What content can be allowed?

3. Who do we mean by “local?”

- by location – is it just Krum City Limits or Krum ISD or further away?
- defined as location of the person or the topic (i.e. artist from another state paints Krum scene)

4. How often do we want to rotate artwork?

- both the artwork and the artists (an artist can only be featured once per year, etc)
- possibly stagger the quarters for each location (so that there is one new artwork each month instead of several new during the same month each quarter)

5. Would we include a description of the artists and work with each piece of artwork?

6. What is the definition of art? Also who gets to make that definition – the board, the director, etc.?

7. What are limits on size, hanging, etc.?