



## Library Advisory Board

*Minutes*

September 14, 2023

Members of the Library Advisory Board met this day in regular session at the Brownsville Library in the Kirk Room, Brownsville, Oregon, at 4:28 PM.

**\*Present:** Chairperson Barbara DeRobertis, Linda McCormick, Gwen Landon, Sandy Saltzer, and Librarian Sherri Lemhouse.

**Absent:** Jennifer Ashcraft

**Public:** None

**Presiding:** Gwen Landon

Mrs. DeRobertis called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Mrs. Landon made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2023, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Mrs. McCormick seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Librarian Sherri reported that each year the Library reports to the State of Oregon with the Library Statistics from the past budget year. Here are a few facts from this past year. We had 8,126 people visit the Library. There were 16,142 items checked out (this is the first time we are back or over to pre-pandemic totals...clap here) We answered about 980+ reference questions. There were 69 programs for Adults (Stitchery, Book Club, World Cultures & Travel, Estate Planning) with 391 participants. 109 programs for children with 1,329 participants (Parents and Pals Story Time, Story Time with Craft, STEM, STEAM Ahead at Farmer's Market and Summer Reading Program). There were 1,130 people who used our computers (up from 366 last year). This year's total is about 200 more than pre-pandemic levels. The Friends group has framed 10 limited edition drawings for sale. The Library is searching for a Library Display Coordinator. Please contact Sherri if you would be interested. There will be one or two positions open on the Library Advisory Board beginning in January.

This months Topic of Conversation was Library Card Mont, Fines and Fees. Members floated several ideas on promoting the Library. One suggested mailing a Library magnet out to residents with the contact information. There are three members' terms that are expiring December 2023. Jennifer Ashcraft and Barbara DeRobertis are willing to renew their time with the Library Advisory Board. Gwen Landon has said she will step down. The reason behind this decision was to allow someone else to benefit and contribute from and to this fun group. All members expressed sadness on her leaving but hoped that she would return as a guest.

Mrs. DeRobertis spoke about her new granddaughter. All members were very happy for her. Members also complimented Ms. Saltzer on her Ukraine presentation last month. Ms. Saltzer also spoke about her new puppy.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 12, 2023, in the Kirk Community Room at the library.

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Barbara DeRobertis,  
Chairperson

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Sherril Lemhouse,  
Librarian