



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

May 9, 2024

Members of the Library Advisory Board met this day in regular session at the Brownsville Library in the Kirk Room, Brownsville, Oregon, at 4:37 PM.

***Present:** Chairperson Barbara DeRobertis, Linda McCormick, Barbara DeRobertis, Jennifer Ashcraft, Melissa Selby, and Librarian Sherri Lemhouse.

Absent: Sandy Saltzer

Public: None

Presiding: Barbara DeRobertis

Minutes: Mrs. DeRobertis called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Mrs. McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Ms. Ashcraft seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Library Report: Librarian Sherri also spoke about her opportunity to present at the Oregon Library Association Conference this past April. She was part of a panel of Librarians who spoke about their 'passive activities' at their libraries. Ideas that she is giving serious thought to are a monthly art project for all ages on a 6x6 piece of paper (then displayed on a wall for the next month) and black-out poetry. There are lots of fun programs coming up in the next couple months. Estate Planning Advance Directive on Thursday, May 16 followed by STEM: Solar Bugs on Friday, May 17. Our Weekly Story Time will have a special reader on Friday, June 21 M. Michelle Moreland reading her new book What to do When your Best Friend is a Unicorn. Two Fridays in July and two in August the Library will host Squishtivities! This program is for adults and their children using arts & crafts and "messy" play to promote problem-solving, fine-motor skills, caregiver/ child relationships and creativity! Best for families with children 2-5 years old. The Summer Reading Program Kick off at Pioneer Picnic will host Jay Frasier on Saturday, June 22 at 1:30 PM on the Main Stage. Children of all ages will enjoy the magical talents of Jay Frasier. He is best known for his engaging way of making magic funny, entertaining, and interactive for all ages. Library Maintenance is scheduled for the week of June 25 – 29. The Library will also be closed July 4. The Summer Reading Program has the following activities scheduled: Dirt Buddy Kits; Thursday, July 11 Bubbles! & Playdough in the Library Park; Thursday, July 18 the U of O MNCH JOURNEY UNDER THE SEA; Thursday, July 25 we will host a Rain Gutter Regatta; Thursday, August 1 Bring your Stuffed Animal for a Library Camp Out. I am looking for an Instax camera (Fuji Instant camera) to borrow for this activity.

Old Business: Mrs. DeRobertis mentioned how pleased she was with the turn out at the Soup, Salad, and Sweets Volunteer Dinner last month. Volunteers seemed happy to gather and talk with each other. Mrs. McCormick wished we had introduced the Library Advisory Board Members and Volunteers. Librarian Sherri made a note for next year to include these two items.

New Business: Members discussed different Topics of Conversation for next year. These are as follows:

September	National Library Card Promotions/Statistics/Libby
October	Fines and Fees
November	Genealogy/History Room Tour/Plan Volunteer Event
December	Volunteer Event: Goodie Exchange
January	Budget/Building Project needs
February	Meet the Friends of the Library
March	Disaster Preparedness/Plan Volunteer Event
April	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May	Vote New Chair/Plan 2026-27 Topics of Conversation

Ms. Ashcraft nominated Mrs. Selby to be the 2024-25 Library Advisory Board Chairperson. Mrs. DeRobertis seconded the motion. After a short discussion, the motion was approved by all.

Board Member Comments: Members discussed how much they are enjoying the new Libby by Overdrive App. They exchanged titles that they are enjoying and have enjoyed the last couple weeks.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 12, 2024, in the Kirk Community Room at the library.

ATTEST:

Melissa Selby,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian