



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

September 12, 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:** Barbara DeRobertis, Linda McCormick, Jennifer Ashcraft, Librarian Sherri Lemhouse.

Absent: Sandy Saltzer, Melissa Selby

Public: None

Presiding: Jennifer Ashcraft

Minutes: Ms. Ashcraft called the meeting to order. As a first item of business Mrs. McCormick made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2024, meeting as presented by recording Secretary Sherri Lemhouse. Ms. DeRobertis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Library Report: Librarian Sherri reported that this summer she submitted one report and a grant. The State of Oregon Library Statistical Report is 17 pages printed out and took about 6 hours to pull the information together this year. Using this information Librarian Sherri made a fun infographic (attached to these Minutes). Data that the Library reports each year includes visitor count (8,636); programs (157); attendees (1,189); circulations (16,531); items in the Library (19,932); Libby (2,200); Library Patrons (292); plus, oh so much more. The Ready-to-Read Grant was submitted at the end of August. These funds (\$1,000) will be used for the 2025 Summer Reading Program. The 2025 theme is 'Level Up @ Your Library'. Coordinators are looking forward to advertising with a 'Clue' theme and playing yard games, Library Olympics and so much more.

New Business: September is National Library Card Promotions. The Library has a website and promotes programs and other activities on social media, by putting up flyers around town, and writing articles for the local paper. The new patron packet has a wealth of information about the Library and services included. Ideas shared for the Board to promote the Library were to like their Facebook page, comment and share information; make a video; or create a distinctive logo. Ms. DeRobertis suggested a City-wide mailer.

Board Member Comments: Members complimented the Summer Reading Program team on the 1st Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Coordinators are looking forward to the 2nd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover as it was loads of fun. Mrs. McCormick and Librarian Sherri announced that the McCormick's are donating funds to purchase new chairs for the Kirk Room. These are chairs similar to ones that Librarian Sherri sat in recently and felt they would be a vast improvement for our patrons and guests. The vintage Kirk Room chairs will be taken over to City Hall for use in the Council Chambers. Librarian Sherri is very thankful to see this next improvement in our local Library.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM

The next meeting will be Thursday, October 10, 2024, in the Kirk Community Room at the library.

ATTEST:


Melissa Selby,
Chairperson

Sherri Lemhouse,
Librarian

BROWNSVILLE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

July 2023 - June 2024



 16,531
CIRCULATIONS



19,932
PHYSICAL ITEMS
IN THE LIBRARY

2,200
EBOOK
& AUDIO
DOWNLOADS

+

292
CURRENT
LIBRARY CARD
USERS

514
LIBRARY
CARDS

8,636 VISITORS

THAT'S 21.59 JUMBO JETS
LANDING AT YOUR LIBRARY!



157
PROGRAMS



1,189
ATTENDEES



COMPUTERS
USED

352
TIMES

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