

MINUTES  
CITY OF DENTON  
DENTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
South Branch - May 14, 2018

After determining that a quorum was present, the Denton Public Library Board convened on Monday, May 14, at 5: 33 p.m. The meeting was held at the South Branch Library, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Sarah Gamblin, Laura Cantu, Amy Taylor, Sherry DeBorde, Kate Margolis, Alice Mankoff  
ABSENT: Sashenka Lopez

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Bekker, Sarah Ward

GUESTS: None present

**1. PRESENTATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None present

**2. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**A. LB18-008** Consider approval of minutes from the April 9, 2018 meeting.

Gamblin motion to approve. De Borde seconded. Unanimous approval.

**B. LB18-004** Received a report from Sarah Ward and held a discussion regarding 2018 Summer Reading Challenge at the Denton Public Library with Sarah Ward, Teen Librarian at the South Branch. Reward people for reading during the summer. SRC is for all ages. The program asks people to read & also complete activities. Purpose: to help kids combat the summer slide in which students lose reading ability over the summer. Librarians go for school visits to reach out to all students in Denton. They also go to the Denton County Juvenile Detention Center to sign up students and provide them with their free book prize upon program completion. Online sign up available for the first time this year and it sends reminders to phones telling folks to read.

**C. LB18-007** Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding:

- Library Strategic Plan process for the FY19-FY21 Library Strategic Plan  
The Library currently has a 2016-2020 strategic plan in place. The Library will be finished with all tasks the end of this year. First step in the new strategic plan process will be to solicit feedback from staff. At the next board meeting, Bekker will seek Library Board input. She will also seek community feedback. That feedback will be compiled in mid-July-early-August and used to develop the new strategic plan. Goal: one page strategic plan.
- FY18/19 Library Budget Requests  
Submitted budget request. Will present to city council June 12. Included cost containment strategies. Requests include:

1. Already have funding but need approval to build municipal archive. Turn position into an archivist
  2. Funding for new lounge chairs at North Branch (10 chairs)
  3. Digital resource (\$8600--Hoopla & additional funding for OverDrive to meet demand).
- Facility improvements at South Branch--new roof--20 year roof; coordinated by Facilities; taking off a portion at a time and replacing it immediately.

**D. LB18-005** Receive an informational report regarding the Emily Fowler Library Foundation. Foundation met April 11, 2018. Three members on the Foundation. Two are in the Finance industry and one has been a longtime supporter of the Board. CD (\$100,000) just came to maturity. Reinvest the CD into a 24 month CD. Interest will roll into checking account. They will contact legal and financial planning professionals to suggest Emily Fowler Library Board is an option for bequests. Tentative plan: with funds raised, enhance something on the next library built.

**E. LB18-006** Receive an informational report regarding the Friends of the Denton Public Libraries. Members of Friends can get in early to Book Sale. \$15 bag fill for Friends. 2nd year, they can fill bag for \$10. They now offer online registration. Profits from book store helps the library with small projects. Volunteers needed.

### **3. CONCLUDING ITEMS**

Brain HQ is a program that works with institutions. Setting up a trial and getting quotes. It might be another cycle.

**The Meeting adjournment at 6:14 p.m.**