

## **Summit County Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Date: November 16, 2023**

**Location: Coalville Branch - Hybrid in person/Zoom Meeting**

### **Present:**

Dan Compton, Lo Bannerman Dennis, Jesse Meskov, Loralie Pearce, Laura Schmidt, Emily Stolen, Carrie Willoughby, Tonja Hanson, Susan (Murph) Murphy  
Quorum present

**Absent:** Amanda Norton, Heather Hoyt, Tina Pignatelli

**Meeting called to order by Emily Stolen at 6:02 p.m.**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion to approve September 21, 2023 minutes made by Laura Schmidt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Willoughby. Minutes approved.**

### **Public Input:**

Father Bob, a local retired Catholic Priest came to request a Call to Action from the Summit County Library Board. A Community task force has been formed to support the youth being affected by Banned books. The majority of books that have been banned are targeting youth in the LGBTQ+ Community. Father Bob asked for the consideration of the board to collaborate in the task force as a combined effort.

### **Administration:**

Emily and Dan met with Janna Young September 28 to discuss the budget recommendations for 2024. The request for Sunday hours and the staff to cover them was denied due to the challenges the County has within the proposed budget and the needs of each individual department. Because of these parameters and the deficit in funding, Janna recommended that the Board use public input in the form of going before the County Council, sending emails, and using the public to show up to request the need for Sunday hours in the libraries. By having the public at the meetings asking for the funding, it may help the Council more understand the needs and wants of the community members.

### **Director's Report – Dan Compton**

#### **Goal 1 – Expand the user experience for our library patrons.**

There are 110 registered patrons using Open Access Hours (Open +) and the service has been used 553 times.

## **Goal 2 – Create programs and offer resources that connect with the ever-changing and growing Summit County population.**

Murph conducted the first Summit County Library Human Library program. The program was a huge success. Nine human books participated and 40 people attended the event to interview the books.

The Eclipse programs were a success at all three branches. All 4,000 pairs of Eclipse glasses were dispersed to patrons.

Dan gave a presentation to the Park City Twilight Rotary Club at Park City Coffee Roasters and participated in a webinar for Bibliotheca about the innovative ways we have been providing access to our libraries and collections.

Rachel Spohn designed a new Beanstack Challenge called Level Up Your Library Game. Participants who get bingo will be able to get a Library Power User sticker and entered into a prize drawing.

Friends of the Library raised almost \$6,000 during Live PC Give PC. Bob Shallenberg was re-elected as President in their annual meeting. The Used Book Sale is November 30-December 2.

The Library worked in partnership with the Sustainability Departments from Summit County and Park City, and the Park City Library to provide an "Energy Vampires" informational program. Representatives from different companies that offer rebates and incentives were present to share with people who are trying to make their homes more energy efficient.

Amy Eskind, a local writer/journalist taught a 4-week memoir writing class with 11 library attendees.

The Kamas Valley Branch hosted weekly meetings for local writers participating in NaNoWriMo.

The Utah All-State High School Art Exhibit is displayed at the Kimball Junction Branch until November 30.

The library is working with Betty Morin in the Health Department to offer stations at each branch where patrons can make and send cards to the seniors in the community during this holiday season.

## **Goal 3 - Nurture a culture where all staff feel empowered and valued.**

Diane Brown is doing well in recovery and will come back as a temporary employee. We have hired Catherine Goodman to work part-time at the Kimball Junction Branch and Holly Gibson full-time at the Coalville Branch.

Team Day October 9 was a great success with fun and informational learning and team building activities.

## **Report Accepted**

### **Old Business: None**

#### **Committees:**

##### **Governance and Education**

Chair: Tina Pignatelli, Members: Emily Stolen, Jesse Meshkov, Loralie Pearce

Library Board Members are asked to fill out a Board Education Survey Google document by December 1 to determine individual levels of expertise in needed areas of Library development. The committee will use the information for education in future Board meetings.

##### **Strategic Planning and Marketing**

Chair: Laura Schmidt, Members: Carrie Willoughby, Lo Bannerman Dennis

Lo Bannerman Dennis has noticed and discussed the fact that no free public gathering spaces are available within the county. The Board would like to request that the county meeting spaces adjacent to the libraries be run by the library.

An official Library Board letter written to the County Manager requesting library control of these spaces needs to be more fully discussed in a special meeting to vote and make a motion. A meeting will be scheduled in the near future. This meeting will be posted publicly for public comment and awareness of library board intentions.

##### **Building and Facilities**

Chair: Amanda Norton, Members: Tina Pignatelli, Heather Hoyt, Lo Bannerman Dennis

The locker wrap is not complete. The original chosen vendor had some discrepancies in design and price increases. The new vendor will install the wrap next week.

Lo Bannerman Dennis noticed that the new Utah State flag has not been seen yet in Summit County. Lo recommended when the flags are purchased to use the company called Flags for Good.

Emily, Amanda, and Lo completed the Quality Library recertification walk through of the 3 branches and Bookmobile. Some small issues were found and communicated with the Facilities department for managing and repair.

#### **New Business:**

Board Elections will be made at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting Date and Location- January 18, 2023 in Kimball Junction.  
Possible Zoom hybrid.**

**Miscellaneous/ Open Floor:**

**Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn by Lo Bannerman Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carrie Willoughby.  
All in favor. Vote Unanimous**

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.**