

Summit County Library Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2021

Location: Hybrid in person/Zoom Meeting

Present:

Dan Compton, Tom Horton, Amanda Norton, Alex Peterson, Loralie Pearce (phone), Tina Pignatelli, Laura Schmidt, Emily Stolen
Quorum present

Absent: Joyce Housley, Carrie Willoughby, Doug Clyde, Janna Young

Meeting called to order by Tina Pignatelli at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve September 16, 2021 minutes made by Tom Horton, 2nd by Tina Pignatelli. Minutes approved.

Public Input: None

Administration:

Director's Report – Dan Compton

Extended Access Hours (Open+) patrons are enjoying the time that they use the library. Feedback from patrons has been positive. Dan has submitted a proposal to give a presentation about the Open+ experience at the Utah Library Association's Annual Conference. Dan has been working on a form with the County Communication Specialist to receive feedback for presenting to the media for a story about Open+.

The 2022 Budget is looking good in many areas. The collection budgets have been restored to pre-pandemic numbers. The Budget Committee and the County Manager approved requests including the Kamas Valley Book Locker. Sunday hours and new checkout stations were not approved at this time.

Intellectual Freedom control issues have been firing up with groups of individuals trying to ban books. Katie Wegner, our Kamas Branch Librarian and Co-Chair of the Utah Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee, was quoted in a local article regarding this topic locally.

Library adult programs have been well received and are being planned into the New Year. The Great Decisions adult library program will have two groups in 2022. One will begin at the end of January, and the other in May.

The Veterans Day Program partnership with Joe Frazier, the County Historian, and the Kamas Valley History Group presented a program about Joe's grandfather and his experiences in World War II. The program was titled "From Kamas Valley to a German POW Camp and Back." The Kamas Valley History Group is hoping to put a Veterans Memorial in the Kamas Valley.

Sips 'n Stories Book Club began with success and continues to have new registration signups come in. This is an online meeting of books paired with cocktails.

Books and Ballads singing time continues to gain popularity in the North Summit and South Summit Senior Centers.

Child Programs are continuing online with the hope of meeting both in person and electronically after the turn of the year.

Library Team Day was very fun. Twenty-two out of twenty-three employees attended along with Joe Frazier from the History Department and Janna Young, the Deputy County Manager. Two employees began work on Team day and participated.

The Summit County Library has met all State Library standards for public libraries and has re-certified for the 2022 fiscal year. The Library also received an 'Impactful Service' award from the Utah State Library for the services offered to the community during the pandemic. The library staff actions and exceptional work affected our community in many ways for the better, as library services were adapted to remain available to the public.

The Little Free Library in the Transit Center is having a high turnover of material.

The Friends of the Library used book sale was cancelled due to lack of volunteer support.

Report Accepted

Old Business: None

Committees:

Governance and Education

There was no business to discuss at this meeting.

Strategic Planning and Marketing

The Strategic Planning and Marketing committee has finalized the Strategic Plan. Dan has added realistic objectives and goals with time lines and detail that will help in recognizing specific goals. Information and feedback received from Team day associated with staff goals and objectives were refined with achievable actions in the Strategic plan. Any future adaptations, more solid objectives, partnerships, and specifics to the Strategic Plan will be as addendums and managed on the operational side.

Motion to approve Strategic Plan as final made by Tom Horton, 2nd by Alex Peterson. Vote Unanimous. Motion Approved.

Building and Facilities

The Building Committee Safety Checklist walkthrough was finished on two libraries. Amanda Norton and Dan gave an update on their findings. A fire extinguisher was found to be inaccessible behind a locked door. This information was forwarded to the County Facilities Department. They will find a place to move the fire extinguisher for patron

safety and emergency access. The Kimball Junction walk through still needs to be scheduled.

New Business:

Tina will end her time as Chair at the next Board meeting. Committee changes will need to happen at that time and Tina wanted everyone to evaluate future options and recommended that board members rotate to new areas for expanded committee experiences. Committee restructures will be an informal process.

Thank you, Alex Peterson for all of your years of service on the Library Board.

Next Meeting Date and Location- Jan 20, 2022 in Kimball Junction 6 p.m. Possible Zoom hybrid.

Miscellaneous/ Open Floor:

Book or film recommendations:

The Wheel of Time new series is available on Amazon and Alex believes it could be another book to film series to look into.

Tom shared that the French Dispatch movie is about writing and very interesting.

The River and The Guide by Peter Heller were books recommended by Amanda.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Alex Peterson, 2nd by Tina Pignatelli. All in favor. Vote Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 p.m.