

Billings Public Library
May 12, 2016
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Chair Stella Fong, Vice Chair Jeana Lervick, Bill Lamden, Alex Martin, Jennifer Quinn, Bernard Rose, Michael Carlson, Assistant Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator. Guests: Dave Shearer, Technical Services Librarian; Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation Development Director; Corrina Graham-Martin, Friends of the Library President; Shari Nault, High Plains Book Awards Committee, P.J. Smith, Yellowstone Genealogy Forum; Mike Ferguson, Billings Gazette.

Public Comment

No Comment

Chair's comments

Fong congratulated Quinn on receiving her Montana State Library Certification for Trustees.

Fong reported that Library Trustee Cheryle Fisher was in the hospital and that Cochran was out and at home.

Fong noted that the Library Foundation and Friends of the Library will be hosting a retirement party for Bill Cochran on July 28.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda.

Approved

Rose/Lamdin

Friends of the Library report

Martin reported that:

- The FOL had awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Reading Rocks program.
- They have also approved \$4,000 for the purchase of launch pads for the Library's Children's Department and \$9,000 for the purchase of patio furniture for the community garden.

Martin noted that they had been extremely busy organizing and dispersing Jim Peter's book collection.

High Plains Book Awards committee report

Nault noted that the High Plains Book Awards was celebrating its' 10th year. The Award ceremonies are scheduled for October 7 and 8. She noted that the event continues to grow and the committee had received 160 submissions of which 42 were Canadians.

Library Foundation report

Modrow reported that a retirement party will be held for Cochran from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on July 28th in the Royal Johnson Community Room. She noted that food and wine will be served.

Modrow noted that Food for Thought sign-ups are quickly filling up. The event is scheduled for June 9.

Meet the staff: Dave Shearer, Technical Services Librarian

Fong introduced Shearer. Shearer gave a brief overview of his cataloging activities as well as the Montana Memory Project he is working on.

Statement of Concern

Carlson reviewed the statement of concern and staff recommendation regarding the audiobook *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James.

MOTION: To accept staff's recommendation and keep the audiobook in the collection.

Approved

Rose/Lervick

Library policy review

Carlson discussed updating the policy to include language that will disallow electronic copies or screen shots of a photo ID as proof of identity but would allow documents displayed on portable devices to be used as proof of address.

MOTION: Accept staff's recommendation on the policy change.

Approved

Rose/Martin

City Council Initiative response

In Cochran's absence, Carlson gave a brief overview of Councilmember Friedel initiative to create a policy for blocking access to obscene material on public computers. Carlson noted that the City/County Interlocal Agreement does not allow the City Council the power to instruct Library staff or the Board on policy. Carlson suggested that the Board wait until the June Board meeting before taking action to allow Cochran time to offer suggestions on how to address this issue.

Carlson will follow-up with Cochran and City Administrator Tina Volek regarding the Board's recommendation to invite Councilmembers to the Library for a tour of the computer commons.

Director search update

Fong noted that an interview committee has been selected and the candidate pool has been narrowed down to five individuals. She noted that the first round of interviews will be Skype interviews, followed by bringing the top three candidates in for interviews.

Adjourned at 12:55 p.m.