

Edmonds Advisory Library Board

Meeting Minutes Monday, February 17, 2015

Agenda

- I. Call to order 6:01
 - a. Attendees Tim Healy, Leslie Elsaesser, Judy Sasges, Joyce Hudemann, Susan Schalla, Wendy Kendall, Chy Ross, Cynthia Cruz
- II. **Minutes of last meeting – Minutes Approved**
- III. **Public comment – None**
- IV. **Old Business:**
 - a. None
- V. **New Business**
 - a. Welcome to Chy
 - b. Elected officers
 - i. Keep same officers for 2015 from 2014
- VI. **Reports:**
 - a. **Edmonds Library Manager – Chy Ross**
 - i. Overview of Ready Readers program and specifically the Five Practices of Reading Readiness handout
 - ii. Explained continuing education provided for daycare providers
 - iii. Additional “STARS” training coming - "Supporting the Teaching of Art, Reading and Science”
 - iv. Some Library improvements, painting, chairs etc. to children’s area
 - v. News on change in DVD circulation – feature films now 1 week loans
 - vi. Partnership with AARP is going on now through April 14th
 1. Help with taxes not just for seniors
 - vii. Distributed handout of calendar of events for February for Sno-Isle Libraries
 - viii. Third grade reading challenge has 3 schools participating right now. All participants read the same book and then join in quiz show format and winners can move on to finals. All students get opportunity to meet author in person
 1. Third grade is found to be a vital year to keep reading levels go up
 - b. **Sno-Isle Libraries – Judy Sasges**
 - i. Attended ALA (American Libraries Association) conference in February
 1. Harper Lee’s new book coming out causing a stir, published in July
 2. *The Mockingbird Next Door*, written by one of Lee’s neighbors was one of the authors there
 - ii. Handout Educational Value of Public Libraries, talking points
 - iii. Edmonds to have a new staff member after hiring process
 - c. **Friends of the Edmonds Library (FEL) – Leslie Elsaesser**
 - i. Newsletter January-February handed out
 - ii. Leslie is the new FEL President

- iii. Dianne O'Connell is the new VP of Programs
- iv. FEL is wanting to focus on growing the organization
- v. Program at next week's meeting on 2/26 ECC International Students speakers
 - 1. March program includes music healing
 - 2. April welcome Chy Ross and he will speak on Edmonds Library programs
- vi. Construction in fall to take down old book drop and use ongoing sales funds to replace with art work – Judith Works is liaison on this project
- vii. Ongoing book sale has been very successful under Carol Kensel's direction as a community resource and as a fund raiser

d. Edmonds City Liaison – Cynthia Cruz

- i. Handout for any Board member information updates
- ii. City emails use was discussed – more instruction to come at the next meeting

VII. Board member observations, thoughts, questions relating to the library –

- i. Dark outside the front entrance was expressed as a safety concern. Chy will follow up
- ii. As Library Board liaisons we can emphasize the services highlighted in Chy's report above, including the handouts
- iii. Susan will final edit her article on the Tax Help service for Edmonds media and for the Edmonds Mom site

VIII. Next meeting April 20th at 6:00pm – Tim will confirm by email

- IX. Adjournment: time 6:38

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Report

Chy Ross – Managing Librarian

Highlights

Each winter we provide a series of events for children and families during the holiday school break, our Winter Extravaganza. This provides a selection of enriching, fun, free and local events for families during the time away from school. This year we had 4 programs, with an average of more than 60 people attending.

A couple of small projects in our children's area has that part of the library looking a little refreshed. We added shelving for children's media – DVDs, music CDs and audio books. This provides a more attractive, browsing-friendly display and allows us to hold more of these collections. Also, thanks to the support of the Friends of the Edmonds Library, we were able to have the red wooden children's chairs repainted, and they look great.

As of January 2, we have instituted a change in our DVD movie loan policy. Feature film DVDs now circulate for 1 week rather than the previous 3 weeks. Television series and all children's and educational DVDs remain at a 3-week checkout. We expect this change will make the lines and wait times for popular movies much shorter. It should also free up resources currently being used to add multiple copies of popular movies, which will allow us to add more variety to our DVD collection. Keep in mind that movies can be renewed, so as long as there is not a waiting list you can renew and keep movies longer than the 1 week if needed.

Programs and Services

Storytimes are running along on their full routine schedule. Every Tuesday at 10:30am is Preschool Storytime; every Wednesday at 10:00am is a Baby Storytime focused in "walkers" and at 11:00am a Baby Storytime focused on "pre-walkers"; and every Friday at 10:00am and again at 11:00am is a Toddler Storytime. These remain a popular and valued library activity for our community. So far in 2015 we have averaged 32 in attendance at the Baby sessions, 50 for Toddlers and 35 for Preschool.

The very popular Tax Aide service, where trained AARP volunteers provide community members with free assistance on their federal tax returns, began this month and continues through April 14. Every Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday the volunteers are here helping people get those returns filed. Those interested in taking advantage of the service need to stop in the library to make an appointment and pick up the intake forms.