

Edmonds Library Board Minutes
August 19, 2013

In attendance: Judy Sasges, Wendy Kendall, Madeleine Kaiser, Lesly Kaplan, Joanne Peterson, Tim Healy, Roy Smith, Joyce Hudemann

Called to order at 6:03 p.m.

- Quentin Powers, Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation Board member, and Angelique Leone, Executive Director of the Board, presented information about the Foundation. It was created in 2000 as a gateway for grants and events to raise funds separate from the library system. Its mission is to support library services. Fundraising is a focus through direct mail, corporate gifts, special events, major donations, and planned giving. Programs funded are Books for Babies, Summer Reading, Issues that Matter, Book Discussion Kits, and MLIS scholarships/Library Leadership. There is also focused funding for each year, which varies from year to year. In 2013 the focus is on children. They partnered to buy a new book mobile, which will be in use next month, plus a cart services van. The Foundation funds extras for the libraries and will share funding with other groups. Check their website for updates.

- The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

- Librarian's Report: See attached.

- Sno-Isle Report: The Camano Bond did not pass and may rerun in February. On Sept. 19 a program on Bullying, part of the Issues that Matter series, will be held at Jackson High School at 7 p.m. The Lynnwood Library will be closed from Sept. 6-30 for renovation.

- Friends of the Library Report: The annual luncheon was held in June which included a thank you from Greg Bem, this year's scholarship winner. New membership forms are available. The next FEL board meeting is the 2nd Thursday of September, and the next general meeting is the 4th Thursday. The public copier previously owned by FEL is now maintained by Sno-Isle which will both provide and service the copiers. A fax machine has also been added.

Old Business:

- The annual Edmonds Library open house will be held Sunday, Oct. 20, from 2-3:30 p.m. The Masons will present 6 bicycles to winners of their Bikes for Books event, and a harpist will entertain. Some ideas were gathered for advertising this event, including ads in the Edmonds Beacon, and My Edmonds News, posting on the city calendar, and posters for the art walk in October.

- The Open House is in lieu of the October Library Board meeting.

- The Sno-Isle Annual Board to Board event will be held on Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m at the Service Center.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Edmonds Library Board Librarian's Report

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Summer reading has come and gone. We had high interest from children and teens this year. The children's program included a drawing for two free bikes as a grand prize, which brought a strong interest to kids. Attendance at programs remained good, with several local groups such as the Boys and Girls Club bringing their kids to enjoy the programs in addition to regular customers. Teens continued to provide online book reviews, and enjoyed weekly drawings for local prizes.

Autumn programming will bring the return of separate story times for babies, toddlers, and preschoolers in addition to many other classes that support literacy. We do lean towards supporting reading for school age children in particular during the summer to help keep up with reading when they return to school., Throughout the summer we offered a multi-age storytime in addition to the school age focused programs.

The Library participated at Edmonds Night Out, and one of the most interesting things was the strong support people show for the Library. We had so many folks who wanted to chat about what they like about the Library. As we were packing up one customer dropped in to say he just got an email that his hold was ready for pickup and he couldn't wait to go get the book! We talked to many teens, were able to personally discuss some books and reading, and we encouraged them to participate in summer reading.

Edmonds Library has been selected for a very exciting project: Digitize Our Community History. The Library will be working with the Historical Museum to bring a minimum of 75 digitized images of their collection to the Sno-Isle website, bringing access to these materials to the general public catalog. We are looking forward to a fast moving project that will be mounted in the latter part of 2013.

A Fire Drill is scheduled on Wednesday, August 21 at 2pm. The Fire District will pull the alarm, and then reset while we practice evacuation skills. The goal is to be prepared in case of a real emergency, but to create minimal disruption with the customers.

The Library is ramping up to support the Affordable Health Care Act by preparing resources that will point to information. Training materials are being developed for staff to help customers learn more about their options. Open enrollment begins October 1, and we will be ready to give resources to customers so they can research their options.

Another exciting tech initiative is on the horizon for Sno-Isle Libraries. Washington State Library is in the process of setting up and funding subscriptions to Microsoft Academy, bringing access to a robust learning system that contains instruction for technical skills at all levels. Before this project opens to the public a strong background of support for staff will be established. We don't know exactly what the offerings look like, but are already getting questions. We look forward to bringing the education assistance via the Library.