

Edmonds Library Board Minutes
April 15, 2013

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

Called to order at 6:06 p.m.

- The minutes of the March 4 meeting were approved.

Old Business:

- Youth Board Member: No applicants so far for the youth member position on the Library Board. We will find out where it was advertised, how long the offer will continue, and where it will be advertised in the future.

New Business:

- Librarian's Report: See attached. Also, Lesly Kaplan and Judy Sasges were both recognized by Sno-Isle for their outstanding contributions.

- Sno-Isle Libraries Report: Judy reported on library expansion plans. Camano Island library has a bond on the ballot in August for converting an existing building to a new library, plus Mill Creek has a 40,000 square foot site for a new library and is exploring possibly partnering there with Target. The library system is also exploring ways to help prepare workers in Snohomish County. A panel, including the Edmonds Mayor and Edmonds Superintendent of Schools, discussed possibilities.

- Friends of Edmonds Library Report: Madeleine announced that the speaker at the next FEL meeting would be Jeanette Turner, president of Epic, an organization which supports writers with workshops and classes. The FEL June luncheon will be held June 27, and the Library Board is invited. Also, Board member Wendy Kendall earned \$250 from her employer, Symetra, for her volunteer services and which she donated to FEL.

- Mayor's State of the City Address: The Mayor had suggested that the visibility of city boards be raised, which led to the Library Board's discussion of how that could be done. We already have a section of the City website, and we give an annual report to the City Council. Other ideas were discussed for increasing our visibility in the community:

Advocate with parents and include our efforts in the City Council report. Talk to parent groups.

Talk to community groups. Go with library employees when they talk to groups.

Use social media (a Twitter feed, Facebook account or blogs) to share ideas about the library or highlights about special events and activities. The board could also approach local electronic media such as MyEdmonds.com and Edmonds Patch to include links to the Edmonds Library Page on the City of Edmonds webpage. Sno Isle has one, but we could explore city link, as well. Reconsider Annual Open House. Change time? Sunday possibilities? Noon -1 p.m.? Link to special event?

It was decided to email Carrie about updating the website and investigating city policy about social media. Also, Lesly will let board members know when an employee is going out for a presentation, so someone could go along.

Next meeting: Lesly will find a Sno-Isle presenter to be our program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05.

Edmonds Library Board Librarian's Report April 2013

	February 2013	March 2013
Circulation	32,304	33,415
Door counts	21,292	22,678

Tax season is now complete. The volunteers provided a huge amount of service this year, coming to the Library three times a week for hours at a stretch since the beginning of February. Staff scheduled their appointments, and they were full each and every day. We are grateful for all the time they donated and the assistance they gave to our community.

April is National Poetry Month, and we provided both displays and a special program in honor of poetry. Attendees learned about found poetry and made their own found poetry book. One of the highlights of the evening was having a diverse age range attend the program, including for children plus other adults.

There is a new look on the spine labels of newly processed materials. The date will no longer be displayed as the final line on those labels. The date that has been put on these in the past has not always been the publication date, leading to some improper assumptions regarding the meaning of that date. Eliminating this element increases processing efficiency and reduces processing cost.

Sno-Isle has been piloting the use of ipads for preschoolers over the past several months. They have been a resounding success. Parents with a library card in good standing are able to check out a tablet loaded with age appropriate apps for their children to use in the Library. This gives children an opportunity to experience this technology alongside their parents wherever they go in the Library.

Edmonds is slated to receive this new service April 16. Our old preschool computers have given good service for many years, but they are now old and ready for retirement. It's a great opportunity to bring families some exciting new contemporary choices.

Wifi printing will also debut on the same day, offering card holders a service that can be managed directly from their personal computers. The printing will be charged towards their weekly Sno-Isle allotment of 70 free pages per week. This service will be managed through our computer management software, allowing customers another option for printing.

Building

We experienced some problems in the living room area with leakage and efflorescence dotting the windowsills and the carpet. There are problems with wind and weather hitting the windows, and window seals are failing. Exterior water is leaking. City maintenance has been working on this, still in process at this time.