

Edmonds Library Board Minutes
March 4, 2013

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

Called to order at 6:03 p.m.

•City Report: Carrie Hite welcomed new members Wendy and Tim and distributed a packet of information regarding the functions of the Library Board. She emphasized the good relations that have existed between the city of Edmonds and the Sno-Isle library system. The Library Board is an advocate for the library to help people understand its role in the community. There was discussion about the length of board terms and the possibility of including a youth member. It was moved, seconded, and passed to add a youth member, aged 16-21. The Mayor's office will oversee recruitment of the new member.

Carrie also gave notice of the Mayor's State of the City address which will take place Wednesday, March 13, 8:30 a.m., at the Wade James Theater.

•Librarian's Report: Lesly described the expanding digital materials section of the library and ongoing education of patrons in how to use them. Tax help is currently in progress and is very popular. The Hazel Miller Foundation is sponsoring a lecture on "The New Front Page: 21st Century Journalism" which will be given March 12 in the Black Box Theater at Edmonds Community College at 7 p.m. (See complete librarian's report attached.)

•Sno-Isle Libraries Report: Judy explained the attention being given to programs for children Preschool to Grade 6 by the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation (SILF). They are also giving a scholarship for a master's degree in Library and Information Science.

•Friends of Edmonds Library Report: Madeleine Kaiser, new Friends' liaison, reported on the excellent speaker at the last FEL meeting, writer Mary Daheim. She also noted that the Ongoing Book sale is doing very well. It currently earns approximately \$1200-1300 per month and is an important part of FEL funding.

•New Business:

Wendy noted that Cheryl Telford's Community Ambassador Program offers good insights into how Library Board members can relate to the community.

Lesly gave a brief presentation on how to use the library website to access e-magazines from Zenio. Some 250 magazines are available now and can be accessed from home and/or transferred to e-readers.

Election of Officers: It was moved, seconded, and passed to continue with the existing officers: Roy Smith, president, and Joyce Hudemann, secretary, through 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Librarian's Report

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	December 2012	January 2013
Circulation	39,845*	35,404*
Door counts	18,132	21,183

*2013 stats are compiled differently for circulation, so are not directly comparable

January has brought a surge of business to the Library. The new 3M Cloud Library debuted, bringing an upward tick in downloads. This new service adds to the traditional Overdrive eBook service that has been in place for some time. The new 3M Library offers a different product that contains some authors not otherwise available for Library downloads. The two services combine to make a strong offering for this increasingly popular format.

The Library has been promoting services to assist customers with downloading, including specific classes and appointments for individuals to help them with this process. We have had many people install the software on the spot and happily leave with an eBook or eAudio book on their phone or tablet or other device.

Tax season began early February. There has been a delay in receiving government printed materials such as the 1040 instructions. Staff assist people with printing from the IRS website as needed. Our AARP Tax Aide volunteers are working three days a week helping five people an hour, or 20 a day, in preparing and e-filing tax returns. This year they offer their services on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sunday afternoons.