

Edmonds Library Board Minutes
April 16, 2012

In attendance: Roy Smith, Judy Sasges, Lesly Kaplan, Joanne Peterson, Joyce Hudemann

Called to order 6:04 p.m.

- Nancy Messenger, Collection Development Manager for Sno-Isle Libraries gave a presentation about how books are selected for the libraries, followed by a discussion and question and answer period. Her information was very informative and much appreciated by the group.
- Board members agreed that 3 of 5 members would constitute a quorum for this group. It was so moved and approved.
- Librarian's Report: See attached report. Lesly also noted that we can no longer serve home-made treats at our public events.
- Public Comments: It has been reported that cell phone use in the library is annoying. Signs that say phones should be silenced are mostly ignored, so they have been removed. A patron should talk to a librarian if there is a problem.

New Business:

- Open House Time-Capsule: A list of ideas for items to include has been sent out to the local community inviting their additions. The time-capsule will be opened in 10 years.
- Ideas for entertainment during the open house were discussed. Music performed by district students was one idea suggested.
- Lesly agreed to arrange another guest speaker for our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Next meeting is June 18.

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General

Tax season is over once again. We salute the thirteen volunteers who brought their patience and expertise to the Library for tax help three times a week since February. They have helped so many people, both usual customers and people who came here for the first time. It was a great opportunity to assist folks with this service.

Literary events are springing up for us. Our new Writers' Group that began in April is very well attended. The writers seem eager to gather, and we are pleased to offer this program thanks to a skilled volunteer facilitator.

The Library has been actively working with the Arts Commission, the literary magazine *Between the Lines* from Edmonds Community College, plus the Arts Committee from Swedish Hospital. We had a great Poetry workshop thanks to a grant from Humanities Washington plus a collaboration with these other partners. The workshop drew 16 participants who were very pleased with the evening. In March we hosted the Writing Sisters, our local talent who shared some of their own writing with the group.

Our new web page is now in place. Please take some time to enjoy and explore the new format. It brings a fresh look to Sno-Isle.

Building

We have a fresh new look with the removal of the gates at the front of the Library. When they came down it gave a much more spacious feel to the entry, and makes the Library more welcoming overall. And it has been helpful to more readily get the book cars out to empty the book return bin at the front of the Library. The thresholds from the gates created a very bumpy ride on the way out and in, making it hard to maneuver in and out the front.