

**Library Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Puyallup Public Library**  
**May 20, 2013**  
**6:15 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Troy Kehm-Goins, Vice Chair Darice Hermann, Board Members Dee Dee Henry, Heather Shadko (6:17 p.m.) and Barbara Kastama

**STAFF PRESENT:** Librarian Dr. Tim Wadham and Administrative Clerk Cindy Huff

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Henry, second by Ms. Hermann, to amend Page 3, Paragraph 2 of the April 15, 2013 minutes, under "Other Business," as follows: "Quick Picks books rack, by ~~and~~ replacing the books on display with all hard back first edition books, with ~~paperbacks books could still be available for displayed on the lower shelves, but many times hard back books are purchased specifically for Quick Picks even though a paperback version is available. This has resulted in the duplicate purchase of many books and staff believes it to be a waste of funds.~~ There appears to be a duplication of books being purchased for this program which staff feels to be a waste of funds. The board commented favorably on the Quick Pick racks as they liked the convenience they offered in locating something new and different to read. The board was agreeable to the change proposed by Dr. Wadham, ~~as long as the Quick Pick racks remain intact.~~" and approve the April 15, 2013 minutes as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Dr. Wadham reviewed the following topics from the May *Librarian's Report*: facility concerns; library programs; Vancouver Community Library visit; Library Journal Design Institute; Property and Facility Manager Interviews; Management Analyst Team-Financial Reports; History Room/Digitization Project; Literary Festival; Library outreach services; and his activities since the last meeting.

Dr. Wadham noted the success of *Dia de los Ninos* for the Spanish community, and spoke in detail about the *Free Comic Book Day/Star Wars Day* event on May 4<sup>th</sup> with 1300 comics gifted, and the Overdrive Digital Bookmobile visit. He pointed out that e-book usage is up 120% from 2012, and noted the acquisition of a scanner for the History Room digitization project. He informed the board of a plan to display some of the History Room materials on the first floor.

**Letter of Congratulations to Pierce County Library System**

Mr. Kehm-Goins informed the board of his intent to write a letter to the Pierce County Library System congratulating them on their recent award of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service. He noted that the letter will be written on city letterhead and distributed to the Library Board.

**Library Journal Library Design Institute--Presentation**

Dr. Wadham spoke of his attendance at the institute and explained how the attendees were divided into groups and tasked with discussing ideas to solve different design challenges faced by libraries. Ideas were selected from cards and the groups discussed and decided priorities, and he explained that his group was tasked with looking at ways to renovate areas for new media

spaces at the Sno-Isle Regional Library System. The presentation identified how the focus of technology spaces in public libraries has evolved from serving primarily teens to being available for all ages. Discussion centered on various scenarios for the placement of a technology center in the library, including the current fireplace/magazine area.

Dr. Wadham also spoke about his visit to the early literacy area of the Vancouver Washington Public Library. He talked about a potential renovation of the existing children's area possibly modeled after the Vancouver space. The board recalled the past librarian's vision towards early childhood literacy and the original design configuration of the children's area. The board expressed interest in some type of a media/technical lab area to encourage creativity. Dr. Wadham voiced his interest in early childhood literacy and noted intent to give a presentation to the Parks, Recreation and Senior Advisory Board regarding the potential of replacing the existing playground in Pioneer Park with a book or literacy themed play area. The board agreed on the need for more city council involvement with the library and its services.

### **Civic Technologies Snapshot Report**

Dr. Wadham explained that he had contacted a company to perform a report or "Snapshot" of Puyallup's demographics. He distributed a copy of the report and pointed out that the information provided was very specific. He suggested that he may request funding during the 2014 budget process to expand the study in order to follow up with more details. Dr. Wadham identified highlights of the report which covered the following information: rental and homeowner figures; income growth; population statistics; Hispanic data; diversity; education; and spending habits of residents. He discussed the processes used to identify the statistics and pointed out that three-fourths of the population identifies the Library along with Parks and Recreation and schools as important. He voiced his intent to use the information to help determine which services should be offered and which materials should be purchased.

### **Meeting Room Policy**

In regards to the meeting room policy, Dr. Wadham did not feel that it would be perspicacious to open up the meeting rooms to for-profit groups at this time. He questioned if the board wished to make any other changes to the existing policy. The board concurred on the need for careful consideration of this policy.

Dr. Wadham recalled the Library's upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala set for October 19<sup>th</sup> and spoke of the many activities planned for the celebration, including a presentation and book signing by Stephan Pastis, and a silent auction.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Desta Taylor, Friends of the Library, mentioned that the Friends Board had been approached about funding for an upcoming mini-comicon event in September at the Puyallup Activity Center and that it would be part of the two-day literary festival featuring Susan Cooper's lecture and other related authors and performers. She further noted a donation by the Friends of the Library of \$1000 towards the purchase of comic books for the Free Comic Book Day. She concluded by notifying the Library Board that the Friends of the Library will have a table at the Meeker Days Festival to promote library cards.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:25 p.m.