

**Library Board Meeting**  
**Monday, August 17, 2009**  
**Puyallup Public Library – History Room**  
**6:15 p.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Co-Chair Dee Dee Henry; Board Members: Kathleen Hystad, Heather Shadko, Emalee Walker-Cardwell

**Board Members Not Present:** Chair Barbara Kastama

**Staff Present:** Librarian Mary Jo Torgeson, Young Adult Librarian Bonnie Svitavsky, Administrative Clerk City Huff

**Friends of the Library Liaison:** Don Fankhauser

Due to printing difficulties, the board expressed a preference for paper copies of the agenda. Ms. Torgeson noted that she would e-mail agendas and paper copies would be made available in the board members library mail boxes.

### **Minutes**

**Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Shadko, second by Ms. Hystad, to approve the minutes of June 15, 2009 as submitted. The motion passed 4-0.

### **Librarian's Report**

Ms. Torgeson reported on the following items: Summer Reading Program; the open staff position; community volunteers; meeting room carpet; grant applications; meeting with city lobbyist Doug Levy; candidate forum; quarterly report; and updated technology report.

### **Webpage**

Through the use of an overhead projector, Ms. Svitavsky maneuvered through the library's new web pages. She highlighted and discussed the many new changes incorporated into the website that included: an events calendar, blog pages, patron pictures, video and audio, on-line catalog; reference database; Spanish pages; and customer comments not previously allowed through the old website. The new webpage also consolidates information allowing the webpage to be more easily navigated. There was discussion regarding the use of blogs and RSS feeds, and at the request of the board, Ms. Svitavsky reviewed the "Dear Reader" section in more detail.

Ms. Torgeson added that staff was continuing to work on some of the links and the interlibrary loan section of the web page was still under construction. In response to some discussion, Ms. Torgeson outlined how the interlibrary loan process works. She warned that costs and how much the loan process would be used were factors that needed to be considered for the process. She

pointed out that the library's portion of the city's website experienced the greatest use, and the addition of interlibrary loans would add to the usage statistics.

### **Update Mid Year Work Plan**

Ms. Torgeson updated the board on the status of 2009 and 2010 goals identified in the "2009-2010 Strategic Work Plan." She reminded the board of the upcoming "Banned Book Week" in September. There was discussion regarding problems experienced during last year's event, i.e., attendance, the lack of publicity, and problems experienced with the library's sound system.

### **Board Liaison to Friends of the Library**

Ms. Torgeson explained that Ms. Henry had originally agreed to serve as the board liaison. However, due to schedule conflicts she is unable to attend the meetings. Ms. Shadko agreed to serve as the board liaison.

### **Outcome of City Council Meeting Concerning Jurisdictions Annexing to Library Districts**

Ms. Torgeson reported that the City Council approved the board's recommendation to allow non-residents a library card if they either: 1) reside in a jurisdiction covered under a reciprocity agreement; or 2) reside in a jurisdiction which has contracted or annexed into a library district. She clarified that, if Fife residents approve the ballot measure to annex to the Pierce County Library System in November, they would be eligible to receive free Puyallup Library cards.

### **Comments**

Mr. Fankhauser noted that, after sponsoring the young adult programs, the "Friends of the Library" has \$8,000 remaining in the budget. He noted the generosity of the many citizens who are willing to give back to the community.

**Next regular meeting scheduled** – September 28, 2009 at 6:15 p.m.

**Adjourned:** 7:40 p.m.