

**Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Puyallup Public Library**  
**April 21, 2014**  
**6:15 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Troy Kehm-Goins, Vice-Chair Darice Hermann, Boardmembers Dee Henry, Heidi Borton and Barbara Kastama

**STAFF PRESENT:** Library Director Dr. Tim Wadham, Administrative Clerk Cindy Huff

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Hermann, second by Ms. Henry to approve the minutes of February 28 and March 17, 2014 as submitted. The motion passed 5-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Wadham reviewed the April *Library Director's Report*, elaborating on activities and meetings as follows: technology upgrades to the Library catalog; the Library's receipt of new self-check machines; a meeting with Apple Computer regarding their involvement with the MakerSpace/TechnoLab project; his attendance at the Puyallup Main Street Association (PMSA) "Meet and Greet" event; his attendance at the Pacific Northwest Chapter of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking; a visit to the Experience Music Project to meet with Curator Jacob McMurray; his attendance at the University of Washington's iSchool Affiliates Day; a speaking engagement to the local Philanthropic and Educational Organization (PEO) Group; and a planned presentation by Civic Technologies for the May or June meeting.

Dr. Wadham also spoke of the Library's involvement in the Daffodil Parade and noted that staff was considering participating in the September Washington State Fair opening day parade. He reported on his visit to Puyallup High School (PHS) to tour their 850 seat auditorium and announced that an agreement was reached to hold the Friday evening "Jim Taylor Memorial Lecture" segment of the book festival there. Dr. Wadham also voiced his intent to apply for the Municipal Excellence Award from the Association of Washington Cities, as suggested by the City Manager.

Dr. Wadham announced the April 1<sup>st</sup> launch of the new Enterprise interface software and pointed out that Councilmember Shadko sent an email expressing her approval of the new interface. Users will now be able to purchase items from Amazon through the interface, with a percentage of the sales pledged in support of the Library.

Dr. Wadham noted that, upon completion of the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) and all technology related changes, the Library will work on announcing all the new modifications. He voiced the Library's intent to host a grand opening party once the upgrades are complete.

Regarding the “Your Brain on Words” program, Dr. Wadham attributed its success to the participation of Suzanne Selfors and the support of the PSD. There was discussion regarding the past relationship with the PSD and Dr. Wadham explained that the Library is now allowed to circulate information to students and that a formal agreement is under consideration. Additionally, he pointed out that he spoke with the PSD librarians regarding the upcoming book festival and the Laura Bush Foundation. He was hoping to get at least one PSD librarian elected to their advisory board.

Dr. Wadham reminded that the Library will be closed May 1<sup>st</sup> for a staff training day on the new technology. He voiced his intent to provide marketing training along with personal safety training, as some staff members have been made to feel uncomfortable by some library users.

Relative to upcoming events, Dr. Wadham issued an invitation to boardmembers to attend the following events: “El día de los niños” on April 26<sup>th</sup>; River and Sound Review on May 17<sup>th</sup>; staff training on May 1<sup>st</sup>; the Friends of the Library monthly meeting; and the Chamber of Commerce’s “Wakeup” event on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Library.

Dr. Wadham identified May 30<sup>th</sup> as the book launch date for local author Rebecca Morris’s book on Josh Powell, *If I Can’t Have You*. He discussed the details and noted that members of Susan Powell’s family and their lawyer will be present at the event.

The upcoming Summer Reading Program (SRP) will kick-off with Portland-based writer Brian Doyle on Thursday June 12<sup>th</sup> (adult program) and with Rhubarb, the Tacoma Rainiers mascot, on June 21<sup>st</sup> (children’s program). The SRP programs will conclude on August 20<sup>th</sup> with a Puyallup Public Library night at the Tacoma Rainiers game.

Dr. Wadham distributed and discussed information relating to the library databases along with a comparison of 2012 and 2013 statistics; a copy of the Library’s *2013 Annual Report*; an article on self-check machines from the most recent edition of the Library Journal; and an article on public libraries becoming publishers. He felt the information may be useful if the MakerSpace/TechnoLab and a Writer’s Lab becomes reality.

Dr. Wadham noted that recent union negotiations may result in the addition of language to the new contract limiting volunteerism. In response to a question, he explained that it would affect the library and could ultimately impact the Friends of the Library.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT**

Dr. Wadham announced that the Friends of the Library nominated Frankie Prossick as the new Friends liaison to the Library Board. Ms. Prossick was not able to attend, but should be present at the next meeting.

**LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT**

Chair Kehm-Goins noted the Foundation's receipt of the paperwork reinstating its 501(C)3 non-profit status. In regards to the MakerSpace/TechnoLab, he explained that the Foundation is working to identify funding and plans to take some field trips to gain ideas. He noted that the fundraising gala has been cancelled; the Foundation is now looking at scheduling an event sometime in 2015.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Kastama voiced her enjoyment of the old staff picks display and suggested that some gardening books be put out for display.

Ms. Hermann requested that Dr. Wadham add children's poet Doug Florian to the wish list for author visits.

Dr. Wadham agreed to bring back staff picks and add some board picks for display.

**ADJOURNMENT**--7:39 p.m.