

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2024

The Abilene Public Library Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 4:00 PM on Monday, May 6, 2024. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Denise Moore (Chair), Judith Phaneuf (Vice-chair), Joe Biles, Kristi Brokaw, Clint Buck, Katie New, Elizabeth Norman

Board Members Absent: none

Also Attending: Julee Hammer, Library Director; Trent Dietz, Assistant City Attorney; Linda Camacho, Library Administrative Assistant

Media present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Denise Moore called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

MINUTES

1. **Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on February 22, 2024.**
 - a. Clint Buck moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 22, 2024, seconded by Elizabeth Norman. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Moore opened the public comment period. No members of the public came forward to address the board. With no speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

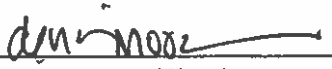
AGENDA ITEMS

2. **Review on-order catalog comments and make a recommendation to the Library Director on pending book orders (discussion and possible action).** Ms. Moore reported there were no comments on the pending book orders from the online on-order review catalog, so a review was not needed. Judith Phaneuf made a motion to recommend approval of the pending book orders, which Kristi Brokaw seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried. The board's recommendation will now go to the Library Director, who will oversee the completion of these book orders. This is a standing agenda item for regular board meetings.
3. **Library Director's Report:**
 - a. **Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023:** The City's Fiscal Year 2023 ran from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. APL has a rising total of visitors from all library locations, 352,242 compared to 325,686 in 2022, an increase of about 8%. APL has programs and events for all ages. In fiscal year 2023, there was a total of 130,055 in attendance, an increase of

35,114 in 2023. New services at the library in Fiscal Year 2023 included the Lactation Lounge in partnership with the WIC Office; the Seed Library; the NCCIL collection featuring books from artists featured at the NCCIL over the past 25 years and available at all three library locations. APL also started the LaunchPad tablet collection, which has no internet connection and is designed for educational learning through games, activities, and more for kids. Also, STEAM and sensory collections were launched, funded by the Friends of the Library from Abilene Gives Donations in 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM.

The next Library Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2024, at 4:00 PM at City Hall, 555 Walnut St, 2nd floor Council Chambers.


Denise Moore (Chair)

Linda Camacho
Linda Camacho, Library Administrative Assistant