

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2024

The Abilene Public Library Advisory Board met in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 4:00 PM on, August 5, 2024. A quorum was present.

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

Board Members Absent: None

Also Attending: Julee Hammer, Library Director; Haley Napier, Assistant City Attorney; Linda Camacho, Library Administrative Assistant

Media present: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

MINUTES

1. **Receive a Report, Hold a Discussion, and Take Action on Approving the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Held on May 6, 2024.**
First approval: Elizabeth Norman with second from Joe Biles

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opened the public comment period. The following person/s addressed the Library Advisory Board:

- Tammy Fogle

With no other speakers coming forward, the public comment period was closed.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Review on-order catalog comments and make a recommendation to the Library Director on pending book orders (discussion and possible action).**
 - a. Denise Moore reported there were no comments on the pending book orders from the online on-order review catalog, so a review was not needed. Joe Biles made a motion to recommend approval of the pending book orders, which Judith Phaneuf seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried. The Advisory Board's recommendation will now go to the Library Director, who will oversee the completion of these book orders. This is a standard agenda item for regular board meetings.
2. **Library Director's Report**
 - a. Ms. Hammer reported we just finished up the Summer Reading challenge for 2024, which ran from June 1 - July 31st, and our stats are still being completed. We do know

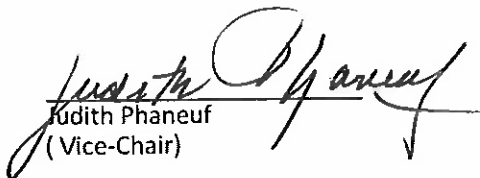
- we had over 11 000 attendees for programs happening in June and July. Our activity sheets for the different age groups are still being completed and turned in as today was the last day to turn them into the library. We have over 200 completed and turned in.
- b. For the second year in a row, we partnered with The Children's Art + Literacy Festival "CALF," and the National Center for Children's Literature "The NCCIL." We helped celebrate this year's featured Illustrator LeUyen Pham. We hosted over 300 summer programs including three young Audiences performances at the Main Library. We also hosted the live performance of the "Itchy Book" about a group of dinosaurs with an itch, but a rule on the stone reads "Dinosaurs Do Not Scratch." Going into August we hosted the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge for kids, celebrating Smokey Bear's 80th birthday. Texas A&M Forestry Service and Smokey Bear will visit our South Branch Library August 9th for his birthday bash with games, stories, and activities.
 - c. We would like to say Thank You to The Friends of the Library, who fund the APL summer reading prizes which impacts the success and popularity of the programs.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

The next Library Advisory Board Meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2025, at 4:00 PM at City Hall, 555 Walnut St., 2nd floor Council Chambers.

Denise Moore (Chair)

Linda Camacho
Linda Camacho, Library Administrative
Assistant



Judith Phaneuf
(Vice-Chair)