

San Anselmo Library Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Doug Holm at 4:32 pm. Those present were Doug Holm, Judy Anderson, Ted Freeman, Elihu Welber, Kathleen Hiatt Cutter, student representative Cameron Pey and town librarian, Linda Kenton.

Minutes from November 19, 2015, were approved at 4:37 upon minor amendments.

No public members were present for the meeting.

Discussion Items:

A. Librarian's Report:

1. Adult summer reading program: includes prizes. The adult program will run concurrently with the children's summer reading program from June 13, 2016 through August 22, 2016. Prizes will be awarded. Years ago, a small adult reading program was hosted at the San Anselmo library. No current library employees were employed at that time.
2. Cenic Update: finalizing grant, no update.
3. Marinets' 25th anniversary commemoration will kick off this April with National Library Week. A library passport will be issued to participants. Participants will be encouraged to fill the library passport pages with the unique stamps from each of the Marin libraries. There will be a lottery for prizes including gift certificates from the Marin libraries' associated bookstores. There is hope for securing travel themed big prizes such as a bike, airplane tickets, and train tickets. Outreach for gift donations has begun. Also, each library will contribute a prize that represents their library that possibly supports local businesses.
4. Library calendar: Except for two days, there are library events scheduled for every day the library is open during the month of February.
5. Tunstead Live 2/26/16: This Island Getaway themed evening will include hula dancers.
6. Train event planned in June: A local expert is expected to talk about local train history, it is hoped that a SMART train representative will also be able to give a talk.
7. Tower Readers is a collaborative book group of the San Anselmo library and the Seminary. Both institutions have towers, thus the name. Book selections for this reading group will have a socially conscious focus. Meetings will be held the second Thursday of every month.
8. One Book, One Marin kick off event will be held at the Book Passage on February 2, 2016 with Andy Weir, author of *The Martian*.
9. Mad Hatter tea party for kids: In honor of the anniversary of *Alice in Wonderland*, cupcakes and tea will be served on February 30, to children aged six through twelve. All 20 seats have been reserved. This has been a great community effort. Teacups have been purchased at thrift shops

or donated, people are bringing decorations, preparing costumes, and baking cupcakes.

10. E Book platforms: There are no changes with our contracted E book platforms. To review, Enki is a stand alone platform with offerings from smaller suppliers. Amazon/kindle is not compatible with the 3M platform. Harper Collins and Penguin “purchases” will no longer be available to library patrons either after 26 borrowings or one year after each item's “purchase.” Random House provides unlimited use as the library “owns” each E-book. However, if you change E book platforms, then Random House charges a fee per book to transfer the title over to the new Ebook platform. The current system requires a lot of time to maintain circulation. Ebook platforms and publishers are trying to establish how best to provide their service and products. Therefore the services are currently in flux.

Older patrons are reading Ebooks more than youth. Pey, the youth member, observes that Drake students prefer to read a physical book rather than reading from a device.

B. Teen Council Report:

The San Anselmo library has book clubs for middle school and high school students. The Teen council sponsors weekly Saturday tutoring at 10 am for k-12 students for any subject. Two to three tutors come to help each week rotating from a pool of six tutors. One family has taken advantage of this two week old program. Flyers will be placed at all schools to promote this program. It has been posted in the Hoot and on the library calendar.

C. Second Youth member:

A Drake student who had considered becoming a member of this board for this term did not follow up. It has been confirmed that this board may have two youth members.

Board Comments, Questions, Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Strategic plan development for library: A document, model, or framework is needed to guide the library towards its future. The plan will be constructed in house, no consultant will be hired. Questions to consider in creating the strategic plan: Where are we going? How do we move forward? How do we best serve our community? How do we codify programs and integrate new items into an overall strategic plan?

Worth a note, NPR's Forum program focused on libraries in the internet age as a “civil and social space” during the 10am hour on 1/27/16. Guest author Wayne Wiegand discussed his new book *Part of Our Lives: A People's History of the American Public Library*.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37.

Next meeting March 24th at 4:30pm

Minutes prepared by: Kathleen Hiatt Cutter