

**City of Alamosa**  
**Alamosa Public Library Board**  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes  
July 25, 2017  
**5:30pm**

- I. Roll Call**  
Present: Heather Brooks, Patty Campbell, Davon Krebs, Mary Walsh, Mandy Wilner,  
Staff: Salai Taylor Absent: Laura Bruneau, Andy Rice, Michele Romero, Jan Vigil.
- II. Agenda Approval**  
Heather moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Dawn; vote was unanimous.
- III. Approval of Minutes**  
Heather motioned to approve the minutes from the May meeting, seconded by Mary; vote was unanimous.
- IV. Public Comment (none)**
- V. Presentations (none)**
- VI. Policy Discussion (none)**
- VII. Update on Current Programs/Items**
  - a. Library Manager Report**  
Salai presented the board with the statics for May and June. There was higher summer reading numbers compared to the numbers last year.  
Mary asked about Find It Colorado which is an app that allows you to bring up your account online. As of now, there is not a lot of participation. Heather asked how many people used it in march and Salai reported there was 128 users when it first came out but there isn't a way to see who uses the app. Mandy asked if she could test it out and show it to others and Salai said yes, that she can scan the code on the Alamosa Library Website.

Staff added 288 new materials in May and 316 in June. Volunteers totaled 8.25 hours in May and 87 in June. Moose had his last session in June and Laura is thinking about starting again in October. 10 children and parents attended the movie "Home" in May and another 28 came in for "Sing" in June. Salai noted that more than 30 came in to see "Moana" in July. The Fiber Floosies, Essential Oils, People First, Origami Workshop, and a few others held their regular meetings.

There are currently 7 little free libraries in Alamosa that are being regularly refilled. The one in front of La Puente was fixed and the one in Zapata Park needs a door, as the glass from the door keeps getting removed. Dr. & Mrs. Kelly completed a six week series in May for beginner genealogy classes. The Friends of the Library made \$450 in May and \$1200 in July at the scheduled book sales. The Rotary grant, which awarded the library with \$9,000, was used for new book shelves, a new mural on the book shed, and a book bike. The bike has 3 wheels with a book shelf on the back for book. Mary asked if they would give the books away or sell them and Salai replied they would give them away during parades or events. Any money left over will go to new cabinets in the children's room. Patty disclosed that the Friends of the Library are getting new aprons for the volunteers to wear; so people know who they can ask for help. They also give the library \$5,000 a year to use for their own discretionary use.

**b. Children’s Librarian Report**

Manassa Elementary came in for a tour in May and the Summer Reading Program welcomed 880 participants in June; higher than last year. The Harry Potter and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration brought in 130 people. The library had several decorations, like the acceptance letters to Harry, the Pensive, and Photo Ops. The WCC made treats (chocolate frogs), there was a table to make your own tie, and the recreation dept. set up a Quidditch pitch.

The Growing Readers Together Grant has given the library \$8,700 to empower family, friends, and neighbors with early literacy services for children under 6 years old. They have also utilized this money to create The PAD (The Playful Adventure Destination). The PAD has a toddler road rug with cars/trucks that can be checked out and “busy boards” made from wood. The “1000 Books Before Kindergarten” will reward kids that learn to read early. After every 100 books read, the child can choose a book to add to their own library. After reading 1000 books they will receive a “Planting Seed for Kindergarten” t-shirt. The library’s new goal is to go out and find people who would fit the criteria to participate. Salai stated that the grant goes from September to August and she’ll find out if they received it soon.

Heather suggested inviting Ruth from the newspaper to talk with Salai and Becky to write an article. Dawn suggested putting out a table to promote the program at the opening ceremony. Patty asked if they would allow kids that are only here for a temporary amount of time and Salai said she’d have to read the guidelines, but they would want something long-term. Unlicensed caregivers or homeschooled children would be ideal. Dawn asked if it had to be 2 children in a household and Salai determined she’d have to look at it, but they do specify “children.”

Dawn suggested using the program HIPPIY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters) which is already well established. Salai mentioned that Becky already goes out one a month to deliver a box of books. Dawn asked how many times the grant can be refunded and Salai said she didn’t know, but they have already applied for next year. Dawn thought a newspaper article would be very helpful to let the community know what it is and that it is available for those who need it.

**VIII. Programs/Items**

The board agreed to wait to start new projects until they welcome the new members. There was a third person that applied for the open position, but they pulled out.

**IX. Board Comment**

The board welcomed Mandy Wilner and explained what they do for the library and hope to accomplish in the future. Michele Romero was unable to attend but will be welcomed in the next meeting.

**X. Adjournment**

Mary moved to adjourn; seconded by Dawn; vote was unanimous.  
Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: September 26, 2017