

**City of Alamosa**  
**Alamosa Public Library Board**  
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
**5:30pm**

**I. Roll Call**

Present: Laura Bruneau, Patty Campbell, Kristina Daniel, Holly Van Hoy, Mary Walsh, Jolene Webb, Mandy Wilner. Staff Andy Rice and Salai Taylor. Absent: Dawn Krebs and Michele Romero.

**II. Agenda Approval**

Laura moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Mary; vote was unanimous.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Mary moved to approve the March minutes; vote was unanimous.

**IV. Public Comment (none)**

**V. Presentations**

**a. New Children's Librarian**

Salai presented Holly Van Hoy as the new Children's Librarian. Holly shared with the board her background in early childhood education and her previous work history that lead to this position. After Holly left the meeting, Laura asked if she had any ideas to increase the teen lounge usage and Salai mentioned that Cathy has shown some interest and is looking for something to do. Kristina suggested asking the Boys & Girls Club, since they already have a teen night. Mandy recommended talking to Aaron Miltenberger, the new Director. Laura inquired about the age group for teens and Salai said that Story times usually target 5 year olds that the teen lounge would be for 10-11 year olds; many of the volunteers are in fact teenagers.

**VI. Policy Discussion (none)**

**VII. Update on Current Programs/Items**

**a. Library Manager Reports**

Salai highlighted on some of the March/April reports. In April, 83.5 volunteer hours were accounted, of which 42 hours were for the Library Carnival. There are now 52 children signed up for the Planting Seeds, 1,000 books program, 2 children/parents have already completed the program. In March, the Fort Garland Museum hosted a Memoir-Writing Workshop and 4 writers attended. In March, the library showed "Wonder" and in April "Ferdinand." She reported that attendance for movie nights have remained steady at 30-40 people. Around 152 people attended the Library Carnival on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Autumn Wright was the "Side Show" bringing in Madagascar hissing roaches, a millipede, a tarantula, a scorpion, and a large bearded dragon. 6 staff members, 2 volunteers from Friends of the Library, 2 from the Library Board, the Library Director, and 7 students

from the High School Key Club help with the event. They gave out book bags, had games and prizes, popcorn & cotton candy. Parks & Rec served cotton candy and played Pickleball and the Women's Citizenship club served iced lemon water. The Children's Garden day care center has been using the Story room on early release Wednesdays, using some of the building blocks and other manipulatives. The One Book 4 Colorado program may not continue next year, Salai maintained they would just have to wait and see. She also disclosed that the Friends of the Library were discussing purchasing software and equipment to create the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of "Messages from the Hidden Lake" as the previous editor would not be able to provide the software. Kristina asked how much it would be and Salai estimated about \$450 for a laptop, \$40 for Photoshop, and \$175 for editing software, provided that they show they are a nonprofit. The Friends of the Library also voted to become sponsors for the Story Walk in Cole Park as the Director of the Alamosa Literacy Council is leaving Alamosa and the Council decided to find sponsors for the project.

**b. Children's Librarian Reports**

Salai pointed out the summer reading schedule that will start on June 6<sup>th</sup> and continue through August 1<sup>st</sup>. She presented photos of the Discover Health programs and families interacting with the displays.

**c. MOOSE programs update-Laura Bruneau**

Laura announced that there were 4 sessions with Moose, the first was full, the second was not very popular with the good weather outside, and the third and fourth had about 8-9 participants. Those who came to every session received a free book. Laura also brought in Moose bookmarks and pawtographs. She and Salai said they would talk about summer programming or a fall kickoff. Mandy suggested coming to Friday story hour, since it's not so big. Mary announced that Moose's book has been consistently checked out of the college library. Laura mentioned that she visited Alamosa Elementary and they posted some of his flyers and sent some home with kids. Jolene asked where to purchase the book and Laura confirmed that they are sold on Amazon, Target, or anywhere online.

**d. Discover Health**

Salai went over the programs and events that accompanied the Discover Health Exhibition. A total of 31 Story times were about health, displays were created in the kid's area and teen lounge, the library held a stuffed animal wellness sleepover, and Parks & Rec held 4-30 minute play sessions at the library. The library completed 38 programs and partnered with AHEC for 4 more programs all pertaining to health and wellness.

**VIII. Programs/Items (none)**

**IX. Board Comment**

Several members of the board praised Salai and the library staff for all their hard work and summer planning.

**X. Adjournment**

Andy announced that he would be unable to attend the next meeting and asked if anyone else had a conflict on the proposed date. A few board members were unsure but agreed to stay with the date and discuss it when it comes closer. The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:30pm.