

City of Corona

*City Council Chambers
400 S. Vicentia Ave.
Corona, CA 92882*

Library Board of Trustees Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

City Council Chambers - 5:30 PM



**Jami Merchant, Chair
Aisha Kennerly, Vice Chair
Shirley Towler-Hayes, Trustee
Cherise Leonard, Trustee
Ruth Heineman, Trustee**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Jami Merchant, called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Chair, Aisha Kennerly.

ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Vice Chair Aisha Kennerly, Chair Jami Merchant, Trustee Shirley Towler-Hayes, Trustee Cherise Leonard, and Trustee Ruth Heineman

MEETING MINUTES

1. [24-0501](#) Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on May 28, 2024

A motion was made by Vice Chair Kennerly, seconded by Trustee Leonard, that the Minutes be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Kennerly, Trustee Towler-Hayes, Trustee Leonard, and Trustee Heineman

Abstain: 1 - Chair Merchant

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. [24-0503](#) Board Graph, Stats, Calendar, and Flyers

A motion was made by Trustee Leonard, seconded by Vice Chair Kennerly, that this Consent Calendar be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Vice Chair Kennerly, Chair Merchant, Trustee Towler-Hayes, Trustee Leonard, and Trustee Heineman

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

YOUTH UPDATE

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

3. [24-0502](#) Library Report June 2024

Director, Donna Finch, introduced Library Manager, Daniell Whittington, and the Library report.

Daniell presented the Library report. She reported on one of our eResources, Wowbrary. It contains a Library Newsletter, and provides updates on what is new in the collection and or programs. You can sign up for Wowbrary on our eMedia page or there are QR codes throughout the Library.

Upcoming events are: June 25th is our Environmental Literacy Fair from 5:00 - 7:00 PM, for all ages; July 17th is our Summer Paint & Sips from 6:00 - 8:00 PM for 21+; July 18th is our Teen Murder Mystery Night for ages 13-17 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM; lastly, we have our Finisher's Party on July 26th from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for all ages.

May top Titles - Fiction. Giggle, Giggle, Quack, Arnold - 121 checkouts. Top Titles - Non-Fiction. Growing Up with Science - 29 checkouts. Top eBook Titles - Becoming Jane Eyre, Kohler - 10 checkouts. Our eMedia checkouts are up 131% from last year. Our in-person programming is also up by 39%.

Library Calendar of Events for July - We will be closed on the 4th of July. Our Mini Makers are on Mondays for ages 6 - 12, our Maker Masterclasses are on Wednesdays for ages 13+, and we also have STEM for Little Twigs on Fridays for ages 3 - 6.

Strategic Plan Updates. We had a Discovery meeting with Debbie Joy and her team on 6/20. During that time they discussed the key ideas, stronger collections, more welcoming spaces, more library visibility, and the library becoming a community hub. These are probably going to be the core themes that we will be centering around when building the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan should be completed to bring to the Trustees by August / September.

Upcoming Items. Library will be closed for 4th of July. Be sure to check out the parade and celebration. July 11th the City of Corona Summer Street Fairs Begin. Every Thursday until August 8th. July 23rd is the next Library Board of Trustees Meeting. We will have a budget report, end of the year report and the Friends of the Library report. July 26th is the Summer At Your Library Finisher's Party with games, activities, snacks, and much more.

Trustee, Heineman, congratulated Daniell on the great increase in the e-Resources and asked what Daniell thinks might have caused the increase. Daniell said that she thinks the overall increase is due to our patrons learning about our audiobook checkouts and how they can use them free of charge so this is contributing to the increase. Ruth also mentioned that she attended the opening day for the Summer At your Library program and how well attended it was and how organized the staff were. It was wonderful. Congratulations. Daniell said thank you to Jennifer Bauserman and her team for all their hard work. We had over 300 people attend that event.

Trustee, Towler-Hayes, asked if the Library carries newspapers such as the Press Enterprise. Daniell replied that we have access to them online. On our Library/Online resources page, you will have access to the Press Enterprise and the Corona Daily Independent with your Library card.

Vice Chair, Kennerly, mentioned that she went to the Paint and Sip and it was a lot of fun. She suggested having a registration for the event because it filled up quickly. Daniell said that we were excited to see the interest and we will have registration in the future.

Chair, Merchant, asked when the Strategic Plan comes to the Trustees, will they be able to give feedback at that point. Daniell said yes, the Trustees will be able to give feedback and pointers. If we do need to go back to the drawing board, we can do that.

Trustee, Leonard, asked about the newspapers and if we have archival access as well. Daniell said yes, she believes we do.

TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee, Leonard, announced that she is really excited to announce that in partnership with the Library, the Friends are putting on a Children's author event focusing on local authors. Cherise and Ruth are a part of this event. Kids will be coming in to listen to authors read, learn about what it takes to become a writer, and walk away with a free book. They could also purchase books and have them signed by the authors. They have 7 or 8 authors already lined up. Thank you to Terri Jagers, Daniell Whittington, Jennifer

Bauserman, Martin Villegas, and Casey Lee.

Vice Chair, Kennerly, the Circle City Chorale will be having their Broadway Night at the Historic Civic Center auditorium on August 10th.

Chair, Merchant, come to the 4th of July parade. The Trustees will be in the parade. Also, come to Santana Park and watch the fireworks. Remember fireworks are illegal in Corona. It is a \$5000 fine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Katherine Backus
Meeting Recorder

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