

City of Corona

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

Library Board of Trustees Minutes - Final

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

City Council Chambers - 5:30 PM



**Connie Newhan, Chair
Jami Merchant, Vice Chair
Aisha Kennerly, Trustee
Shirley Towler-Hayes, Trustee
Cherise Leonard, Trustee**

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Jami Merchant, called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee, Aisha Kennerly.

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Trustee Aisha Kennerly, Vice Chair Jami Merchant, Trustee Shirley Towler-Hayes, and Trustee Cherise Leonard
Absent 1 - Chair Connie Newhan

MEETING MINUTES

- [23-0474](#) Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 25, 2023
A motion was made by Trustee Kennerly, seconded by Trustee Towler-Hayes, that the Minutes be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 3 - Trustee Kennerly, Vice Chair Merchant, and Trustee Towler-Hayes
Abstain: 1 - Trustee Leonard

CONSENT CALENDAR

- [23-0475](#) Board Graph, Stats, Calendar, and Flyers
A motion was made by Trustee Towler-Hayes, seconded by Trustee Kennerly, that this Consent Calendar be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:
Aye: 4 - Trustee Kennerly, Vice Chair Merchant, Trustee Towler-Hayes, and Trustee Leonard

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

YOUTH UPDATE

No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- [23-0476](#) Director's Report
Library Manager, Daniell Whittington, gave an update on the Library Parking Lot. Belle Street parking curbs have been repainted and signs removed. Continued improvements will be new signs and bollards. Thank you to Moses and his facilities team for help with this project and Rosie in traffic enforcement. Welcome to Newspaper Archive, a newly acquired resource for our library. The database has many US newspapers as well as Corona newspapers from 1887 - 1977. There are also newspapers from South Riverside Bee,

Corona Courier, and the Corona Daily Independent.

Our In-N-Out Cover to Cover Club results for 2023 are: 722 participants and 1300 achievement cards. In 2022 we had 450 participants and 800 achievement cards. This shows an overall 60% increase. Collection HQ update shows that we eliminated 11,180 items, replaced 289 grubby items with Measure X money, and eBook grant. We added 6,314 items to our collection. Some of the items are still on order. We would like to add the diversity, equity, and inclusion analysis portion of Collection HQ. This will help the Library locate gaps in our collection.

National Library Week video was shown. Daniell thanked the Communications Team for doing such a great job on the video. Daniell shared the Calendar of Events for June 2023, and mentioned that the Library will be closed on June 19th for Juneteenth and July 4th. The Library is bringing back Adaptive Story Hour on Mondays from 10:00 - 11:30am for ages 14 and up with caregivers. We have a Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th from 1:00 - 3:00pm hosted by our VetsConnect. There will be a flag folding demonstration with the historical significance to each fold. Light refreshments will be served.

The Corona Serves Exhibit has confirmed dates of May 20th - July 3rd. This will include explanations on 20th and 21 century conflicts and Heritage Room artifacts. VetsConnect is gathering oral histories from local veterans.

Trustee, Shirley Towler-Hayes, asked about Newspaper Archive and how to access it. Daniell replied that you can access it from the Library's main website.

Trustee, Aisha Kennerly, mentioned that she attended the National Library Week festivities on that Saturday and the event was packed and everyone was having a great time. Daniell thanked her for mentioning that.

Vice Chair, Jami Merchant, mentioned what a great job the Communications Team did on the National Library Week video.

4. [23-0477](#) Summer at Your Library Report

Library Supervisor, Jennifer Bauserman, reported on Summer at Your Library (SAYL). This year's theme is "Find Your Voice". The calendar highlights all of the events that will be going on during Summer at Your Library. We will be bringing back Maker Mondays in the FAM room. Kids ages 6-12 will be June 12th and July 10th; Teens will be June 26th and July 24th and Adults June 26th and July 24th. These will be drop in events, no pre-registration required.

We will be bringing back our StoryWalk with a Park Ranger on Tuesday, June 13th at 10:00am. The book will be "Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus". We will have Family Movie Matinees on Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00 pm. There will be a couple of special storytimes this year. Bilingual storytimes will be Monday, June 5th and Monday, July 17th. Stuffy storytime will be on Wednesday, July 12th.

We will have a Teen Trivia Night on Thursday, June 15th from 5:00 - 7:00pm in the High Desert Room. The Teen Advisory Council will be hosting a Murder Mystery for ages 13-17 on Thursday, July 27th from 5:00 - 7:00pm in the FAM Community Room. Register by July 20th at the Adult Information desk.

The photo contest will be going on throughout the summer. Entries are accepted: June 5th - August 2nd. She shared the Summer Reading Challenge Log. Special thanks to our sponsors: Friends of the Corona Public Library, Bakers Dozen Donuts, Canes, Little Caesar's Pizza, Rock & Brews, In-n-Out, Aquarium of the Pacific, and Carl's Jr. You can track your reading minutes on corona.bookpoints.org. She shared how the website works for earning points while you read.

Vice Chair, Jami Merchant, asked if there could be an Adaptive Storytime for younger kids. Jennifer mentioned that they have considered it and we will look into it again in the future.

TRUSTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Trustee, Kennerly, looks forward to Summer at Your Library and she will be signing up. She thanked Jennifer for giving such a thorough report.

Trustee, Leonard, reported that they attended the "Serving with a Purpose" conference in which trustees, friends boards, and foundations networked. She was very happy to represent the Trustees and the Friends of the Corona Public Library. She was able to see how much our Library offers and how we are doing our best to be inclusive off all of our community. She really appreciates that.

Trustee, Hayes, thanked Jennifer for her report on SAYL. She will be signing up as well this year. She also attended the "Serving with a Purpose" conference and met with other commissioners and trustees. Thank you to the Friends for the invite.

Vice Chair, Merchant, also attended the "Serving with a Purpose" conference and it was so nice to network with other library trustees from all over California. We were able to brag about our library. Other libraries were impressed with how well we work with our City. She would like to attend the California Library Association event in Pasadena next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

Katherine Backus
Meeting Recorder

Future Agenda Items

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MEETING IS BEING RECORDED