

# *-Alva Public Library*

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The Alva Public Library Board met on January 8th, 2019 in the Share Conference Room at the Alva Public Library. Members present were: Chairman Mrs. Lynn Wilt, Ms. Linda Joseph, Mrs. Patti Harkin, Ms. Marilyn Clyne, Mr. Len Reed and Council Representative Chris Eckhardt. Dr. David Kovarovic was unable to attend the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lynn Wilt. Council Member Reed made a motion that the December 3rd, 2018 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Clyne. Those voting in favor of the motion: City Council Member Eckhardt, Mrs. Harkin, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Clyne, Mr. Reed and Chairman Wilt.

## **Library data and Financial Report**

The library data and financial reports were presented by Library Director Sandra Ott-Hamilton. The board reviewed the financial statement. The statistical report showed a slight decline in the circulation of materials during the holiday season.

In December 748 e-books/audiobooks/magazines were downloaded. The demand for Internet access though the library remains strong with statistics showing that the Internet was logged into 932 times during the month of December.

## **Council Report**

City Council Representative Eckhardt reported that at the last City Council meeting seven local firefighters were recognized for completing their training. They were able to use the new training facility and in the future firefighters from other areas will be coming to Alva for their training as local firefighters are now certified to be instructors.

The Council is exploring options concerning the Swimming Pool. Five houses were declared nuisances and several other properties are in the evaluation process. The City has formed a Land Use task Force that is composed of 8 individuals. City elections will be held on April the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Library Report**

The library received notification of the electronic transfer of funds to the City of Alva in the amount of \$8045.00 for State Aid funding. These funds will be used to providing programming, update computer

hardware and software and for collection development materials.

The Genealogy room improvements are now complete and the collection is in the process of being moved. This will provide for better access and improved security of the collection. The room arrangement was designed so it can also function as a small meeting room option, online schooling space and for tutoring session.

A discussion was held regarding the options for the former genealogy corner. The audio book collection is being moved to the area. The area will also function as a study area or laptop space for patrons.

People have inquired if the library has a place that they could bring sack lunches in to eat. Other libraries in Oklahoma do provide an area for people to eat during their lunch hour. It was decided to explore the option of allowing food in the designated area for a limited time during the day. Members of the board suggested the time of 10:00am to 1:00pm. Guidelines will be developed before it is announced to the public.

Youth programming will start back up next week and continue through the school year. Adult programming includes the resuming of the Knitting/Crocheting group and NW Genealogy has a meeting scheduled for January 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Director's Report**

The library will be hosting a Financial Fitness series of workshops this spring. The library has not heard the status of the Bank It application.

## **Board Member and Visitor comments**

There were no comments from the library board members and the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lynn Wilt.