

Alva Public Library

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The Alva Public Library Board met on Monday August 13th, 2019 in the Share Conference Room at the Alva Public Library. Members present were: Chairman Lynn Wilt, Ms. Linda Joseph, Ms. Marilyn Clyne, Mr. Len Reed, Mrs. April Ridgway and Council Representative Chris Eckhardt. Mrs. Patti Harkin was unable to attend the meeting. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilt. Mr. Reed made a motion that the July 8th, 2019 minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ms. Clyne. Those voting in favor of the motion: Chairman Wilt, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Clyne, Mrs. Ridgway, Mr. Reed and Council Representative Eckhardt.

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 money available in the annual budget was discussed. The city has encumbered out money for those services that are paid on a monthly basis. Examples of those services are projected utilities costs, custodial services and the funds used to pay Workers Comp.

Director Ott-Hamilton pointed out that a few things had changed on the statistical report. The library is now tracking YA checkouts separate from Adult Checkouts and a category of digital magazine checkouts has also been added. Twenty meetings were held at the library during the month and 204 books were added to the library collection. In addition 63 DVD's were added due to donations from the public.

In July, 802 e-books/audiobooks/magazines were downloaded. 2159 physical items were checked out from the library resulting in a total of 2961 items checked out for the month. The Internet was accessed 987 times.

Council Report

City Council Representative Eckhardt reported that the repair of the city streets is ongoing as weather and the availability of asphalt permits. The election for the bond issue for the swimming pool will be August the 13th. Work is being done to apply for funding through a Land& Water Conservation Grant to help with the cost of the City Swimming Pool. The grant can only be applied for if matching funds are available. If the bond

issue doesn't pass the City will not be eligible for the grant. The American Legion Freedom Riders were in Alva last weekend. The Professional Building needs roof repair and options are being considered.

Library Report

Director Ott-Hamilton told the Board that the fall schedule for youth programming has been set with the start dates after Labor Day. Planned weekly or bi-weekly programs include: Little Explorers, Kids Activity Day, Coding Club and Lego Club. Various small group workshops will also be offered throughout the fall and the library is partnering with Woods County OSU Extension to hold monthly Life Skills Boot Camp workshops for 15 to 25 year olds. The activities will be promoted on the library webpage and through social media. Schedules are also available at the checkout counter.

The Friends of the Alva Public Library will be holding their annual "Let's Talk About It Oklahoma" book talk series in September. The theme for this year's five book series is Working to Survive: Surviving to Work.

Director Ott-Hamilton reported that she has completed the annual report for the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and will be submitting it next week. This is the document that determines if the library receives State Aid funding for the coming year.

The Friends of the Alva Public Library has purchased and donated book shelves to be used in the youth library and in the back storage room. This will allow the library to display more books in a dedicated book sale area and to improve the early readers section in the youth department. Used/donated books are offered for sale to benefit the Friends organization which in turn helps fund special projects at the library.

Director's Report

Former Alva resident and library patron Roxie Faulkner Kirk held a book signing event on Saturday morning. The event was very well attended and her book is available for check out at the library.

Board Member and Visitor comments

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