

Lacey Library Board Minutes

May 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

(Live and Zoom meeting)

Present: Sharla Desy, Scott Robinson, James Murray, Amy Blondin, Pam Nelson, Nate Clay and Holly Paxson, Lacey Timberland Library Branch Manager. Everyone attended in person; no one attended via Zoom.

Amy Blondin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

There were technical difficulties with the Zoom application. When the technical difficulties couldn't be resolved, the decision was made to make an audio recording of the meeting.

The acting City Manager couldn't attend today's meeting. Amy will coordinate a date so he can attend a future meeting.

The agenda was approved.

The January 11th minutes were approved as written.

There were no public comments.

Sharla was reappointed to the Library Board through 2028.

Library Manager's Report

The AARP Tax program provided tax assistance until April 15th. The Lacey Loves to Read has also re-started.

The library received a donation of \$920,000 from the estate of Rodney Maupin and it is the largest donation the library has ever received. It will be set up as an endowment for the Lacey and Hawks Prairie Library Gift Fund. By setting it up as an endowment, the fund can earn interest. The interest can be used to support library projects while leaving the core funds intact. The funds can't be used for salaries or operating costs and are usually used for one-time expenditures for projects.

Moving Forward Together is a free virtual event to support mental health and Resilience in our area.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library will provide a book every month for kids until they are five years old.

Lacey Library was ranked 1st and Hawks Prairie was ranked 16th in TRL for number of checkouts.

The library was closed April 17th – 22nd for painting. The city photo-documented the original murals and they are available at the library for viewing.

Amy will reach out to the City Manager for his availability to discuss budget and city issues, then set the date for the next meeting. We need to meet in June to review the budget submission for next year.

Everyone discussed the books they are currently reading.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Nelson (Approved June 28, 2023)

City of Lacey Library Board
Library Manager's Report
Presented on May 3, 2023
For Jan - Apr 2023

Library News:

Hawks Prairie celebrated its 1 year anniversary in February! To celebrate, we increased open hours to the public by adding Sundays on Feb. 5th. Hawks Prairie is now open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesdays – Sundays.

We welcomed new Library Assistants Spencer Miller and Wendy Stout to Lacey in March and April respectively. It's been wonderful to have them here after 3 months of vacancies!

AARP once again offered tax help at Lacey on Thursdays & Saturdays by appointment through April 15th. Volunteers reported they helped 561 community members file their taxes!

In-person programming at Lacey has officially returned, with regular story times and special events. Lacey Loves to Read's VIP event returned after a long hiatus, with 45 attendees celebrating author Dan Gemeinhart and the 9 winners of the Teen Writing & Art Contest. Check out the winning entries in the free downloadable ebook at <https://www.trl.org/sites/default/files/attachments/EBOOKTeenWinnersCollection2023.pdf>

On Monday April 17th, TRL Director Cheryl Heywood accepted a donation of \$920,000 from the estate of Rodney Maupin. Rod and his mother Judy were long-time Lacey patrons who loved visiting the library and enjoyed engaging with our staff. This is the largest donation TRL has ever received, and it will be set up as an endowment in the Lacey/Hawks Prairie Library Gift Fund. This will enable the fund to earn interest which can then be spent for the benefit of Lacey or Hawks Prairie Timberland Libraries without depleting the initial donor amount. This will allow for Rod & Judy's generous gift to support our libraries for many years to come.

Timberland News

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library – did you know you can get free books for your child age birth to 5? Enroll by visiting <https://imaginationlibrarywashington.org> and the child will receive 1 free book each month until their fifth birthday. Find out more at <https://www.trl.org/early-learning>

TRL encourages our communities to participate in 'Moving Forward Together: Mental Health & Resilience in the Capital Region'. This free virtual event is open to all. Find out more at <https://www.trl.org/Moving-Forward> .

Programming & Outreach

January

Early Learning: 15 events with 575 attendees

Outreach: 1 visit with 18 attendees

Youth/Teen/Adult & All Ages: 6 events with 301 attendees

Outreach: 10 visits with 1,389 attendees

February

Early Learning: 15 events with 652 attendees

Outreach: None this month

Youth/Teen/Adult & All Ages: 4 events with 411 attendees

Outreach: 6 visits with 621 attendees

March

Early Learning: 18 events with 629 attendees

Outreach: 2 visits with 225 attendees & installed new Story Trail at Wonderwood Park

Youth/Teen/Adult & All Ages: 4 events with 51 attendees

Outreach: 14 visits with 917 attendees

April

Early Learning: 15 events with 562 attendees

Outreach: None this month

Youth/Teen/Adult & All Ages: 3 events with 105 attendees

Outreach: 5 visits with 100 attendees

Circulation: for Jan – Mar 2023, Lacey is ranked 1st and Hawks Prairie 16th throughout TRL for materials checkouts.

January

Lacey – 77,712 physical and digital materials were borrowed in January 2023, an increase of 10% over 2022.

Hawks Prairie - 4,327 physical and digital materials were borrowed in January 2023.

February

Lacey – 73,971 physical and digital materials were borrowed in February 2023, an increase of 16% over 2022.

Hawks Prairie – 4,270 physical and digital materials were borrowed in February 2023, an increase of 411% over 2022 (we were only open for about 2 weeks in Feb. 2022).

March

Lacey – 82,174 physical and digital materials were borrowed in March 2023, an increase of 19% over 2022.

Hawks Prairie – 5,187 physical and digital materials were borrowed in March 2023, an increase of 120% over 2022.

April

Lacey – 72,225 physical & digital materials were borrowed in April 2023, an increase of 7% over 2022.

Hawks Prairie – 4,755 physical and digital materials were borrowed in April 2023, an increase of 88% over 2022.

Building:

The library closed the week of April 17 – 22 so that the City of Lacey's vendor could repaint the entire building interior. The original 1991 murals that were painted over were photo-documented for inclusion into the City's archives prior to painting. Special contrasting color walls highlight the Teen area, Magazine area, Friends sale, and the donor plaque wall. The building looks FANTASTIC!

Submitted by Holly Paxson, Lacey Library Manager

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