

HERMISTON LIBRARY BOARD

Regular Meeting

May 22, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Lisa Depew, with Casey Hinkley, Erick Peterson, and Rosario Madrigal present to form a quorum. Also present was Maria Duron, City Council Liaison, and Mark Rose, Library Director.

2. READING OF MINUTES

A. April 24, 2024

The minutes were approved as written.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. LIBRARIANS REPORT

Mr. Rose informed the board that elementary school visits will begin for promoting the annual Summer Reading Program (SRP). He or another staff member will present details about the program to each grade at all 6 schools. Leslie, who works with teens will do the 5th grade class at each school.

In addition to SRP, Mr. Rose is also pursuing cooperation with the Summer School program managed by the Hermiston School District.

Mr. Rose has requested a copy of the database program from a library he formerly worked at in Ohio, that tracks problems staff have with patrons.

Mr. Peterson commented about his discussion with library staff about community members who do not support the library renovation. Mr. Rose will determine who and what was said so that an appropriate reply can be formulated and communicated to the public.

Renovation of the library is moving forward. The time line is not to the date as yet, though we are planning to have the temporary library in the Carnegie building operational September 3rd. We will begin the move at the end of the SRP at the beginning of August. At this time we estimate about 20% of selected collections will be housed in the Carnegie building and the remaining 80% + will be stored inaccessibly at a location yet to be determined. The floor plan for the temporary location has been worked out and we have the means to

identify the items that will remain available. The City and library are talking with professional movers and planners to assist in this project. The amount of time needed to accomplish this is, at this time, hazy. I hope to see this become clearer as we continue to plan.

Some library services, such as programming, will take place in the new City Hall. We have begun to place meetings and programs on the City Hall room calendars so that our programs will be able to keep the customary times our customers are familiar with.

7. OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

8. NEXT MEETING

A. June 26, 2024

9. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.