

Salt Lake County Library Board of Directors
Millcreek Library
September 23, 2019
Approved 28 October 2019

Attending: Kristin Covili, Chair; Nancy Thorne, Vice Chair; James Jackson III, Cindy Mecklenburg, Hollie Pettersson,

Excused: Sandra Osborn, Frenchell Hampton, Chelsea Lindbeck

Others: Robin Chalhoub, Jim Cooper, Jen Fay, Leslie Webster, Christa Warren, Matt McLain, Nyssa Fleig, Angie Wager, Skip Condie, Suzanne Tronier, Carol Ormond, Shanlee Robertson and daughter Charlotte (members of the public), Jeff Attermann, South Salt Lake Community Development, Alex White, Director, South Salt Lake Community Development, Rob Beishline, Method Studio, Scott Buckner, Method Studio, Pamela Park, Melanie Mitchell, Sid Pawar, ajc architects

Kristin Colivi opened the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Jen Fay filled in for Jim Cooper until he was able to arrive.

Welcome – *Suzanne Tronier, Millcreek Library Manager*

- Millcreek has the third highest circulation (85,550 items a month) and the second highest door count (about 1,000 people a day) in the system.
- They collaborate with Aging Services on several programs.
- While Holladay Library has been closed they have provided book club and computer support for their patrons.
- They also participate in a number of Millcreek community events.

Action Item – Approve Minutes from the August 26 Board Meeting

James Jackson III made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26 Board Meeting. Nancy Thorne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Correspondence – *Jim Cooper, Library Director*

Response to Macmillan Publishing eBook changes

Macmillan will be implementing a new library model for lending eBooks that will greatly restrict patrons' access to new releases. For the first several weeks each library may only purchase one copy of a title no matter how many branches they have. They may only purchase multiple copies after several months. With high demand from patrons for eBooks, they would be on hold for months for a copy.

Jim provided a letter to Macmillan opposing the new model and telling them that libraries do a great job of promoting new eBooks. The American Library Association and other libraries have also provided pushback. There is an online petition at ALA.org that Board members can sign.

NEW BUSINESS

Action Item – Approve holiday closures – Jim Cooper, Library Director

Jim Cooper requested that the Board approve the following early holiday closures as have been approved in past years:

December 24, Christmas Eve, 2 p.m.

December 31, New Year's Eve, 6 p.m.

Hollie Pettersson made a motion to approve closing December 24, Christmas Eve at 2 p.m. and December 31, New Year's Eve at 6 p.m. Nancy Thorne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim explained that schedules will be adjusted and staff will work their allotted hours or take vacation time to cover the shorter open hours.

Filling Board Vacancy – Jim Cooper, Library Director

The Council has officially approved replacing our council representative Board vacancy with a community member. We have started the recruitment process. If there are areas of expertise you think would be beneficial on the Board let us know.

Granite Design Report – Rob Beishline, Method Studio, ALA and LEED AP

Method Studio is 50% through the construction documents. Once they are completed we'll be working with South Salt Lake for permitting. Jim reviewed permitting issues with the Daybreak project. We would like to make sure we are in alignment with South Salt Lake on the Granite project.

Alex White and Jeff Attermann from South Salt Lake Community Development were introduced.

Rob Beishline reviewed the Granite site. There is a lot of history connected to the site. The design will respect the history while recognizing the present and the future.

What amenities can we afford?

- Plaza space
- Gateway entry
- Great lawn for library programming
- Amphitheater
- Playground
- Fitness trail

Granite Monument Features

Outside

- Maintain access similar to the Granite High School entrance.
- “The Rock” gathering space feature

Inside

- Farmers Way - memorabilia, the school song, Granite High floor seal, and vintage graphics

Honor the Past, Look to the Future

How to weave the past and the future together

- Materials selection – Some will be original Granite brick, some will be new materials that will be similar in design and feel.
- They have used some of the original building design elements, such as vertical bands of different widths, in new ways.

Rob presented interior and exterior VR models of the building.

Consideration is being given to make the site safe and free of homeless camps.

They have run into some soil conditions that will require removing a lot of the soil and have come up with a way to handle storm water. Also, old building debris needs to be removed.

The goal is by mid-late November or early December to complete the construction document and have the city review it. There will be a two-step bidding process, prequalification then low bid. Construction will start in early 2020.

O.W.L. Camp and Summer Reading Report – Nyssa Fleig, Library Program Manager & Angie Wager, Senior Librarian – After School

Nyssa reviewed the mission, goals and impact of the Summer Reading Program.

Summer Reading

- Targets whole families
- Had a total sign-up of 63,776 and total finishers of 28,452 or 45% which is a very good rate
- Numbers increased across the board for finisher rates except with adults who remained steady
- Was our third year partnering with ZAP Passports
- A Sandy participant won the My529 scholarship
- Staff interaction was noted in survey comments – Kudos to staff

We are making an impact on DIBBLE Z scores. (Students’ reading fluency tested in the Spring and again in the Fall usually falls. Summer Reading is geared to stop the slide.)

Surveys taken in 2016 and 2017 of West Kearns and Magna Elementary Schools by the Utah Education Policy Center of the University of Utah found that the library's Summer Reading Challenge increased participants' DIBBLE Z scores.

Between June and August 50,000 people attended one of 1,500 programs. Flyers went to local schools. We encourage our librarians to go to schools. The response varies depending upon the relationship with the school or what a school allows us to do. We also send out information through Peach Jar.

O.W.L. Camp (Outstanding Wizarding Levels)

Angie reviewed the mission, goals and impact of O.W.L. Camp

- The event targets ages 11 – 18.
- This year a library card was required.
- After the first round of applicants was accepted any others who applied, including 10 year olds, were accepted.
- One of the goals is to create a high-quality immersive experience.
- All activities had some S.T.E.A.M. component.
- Partners for the curricula were well-respected, education-based community partners.
- The event also promotes social and emotional learning.
- We had lower attendance this year. Possible reasons:
 - Library card requirement – (We did have 105 library card sign-ups because of this requirements.)
 - A softer marketing push this year
 - Other camps, family vacations
 - Some parents were unaware that it was educational. We will address this through marketing next year.
- There were no kids who didn't get in unless they were under 11.
- We verified birthdates with parents if there was a question.
- We accommodated children with disabilities by providing adult partners for them.

Diagon Alley

This was the third year we provided something for younger children who wanted to participate in a Harry Potter-like experience. Fourteen branches and the South Main Clinic provided 25 programs geared toward their communities. Part of the Outreach and Programming budget is set aside for these programs so branches don't have to use their other programming budgets for this.

OLD BUSINESS

Building Updates – *Jim Cooper, Library Director*

Covered in the Granite Report

STAFF REPORTS

Statistical Reports – *Jim Cooper, Library Director*

Nothing unusual to report

Human Resources Update – *Pamela Park, Human Resources Manager*

We are hiring four new assistant managers.

New librarian postings include revised qualifications for librarians. We will consider Masters Degrees in other related areas in addition to an MLS.

One of our Youth Services librarians, Brandilee Chacon, was killed in a tragic accident. Bridgerland University program or Spyhop are suggested organizations for anyone wishing to donate in her memory.

Finance & Operations – *Leslie Webster, Associate Director Finance & Operations*

Leslie has asked program managers to make year-end purchases. Any funds left over will go to start purchasing the Granite Library collection.