

DUCHESNE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
April 19, 2016

DUCHESNE LIBRARY

Duchesne, Utah

Began: 5:38 P.M.

Conducting: Kerrilyn Miles Chairman.

Present: Daniel Mauchley (Library Director), Kerrilyn Miles (Chairman), Bert Jensen (Vice Chairman), Beth Gardner, and Sherry Lott.

Excused: Greg Todd (County Commissioner), Yogi Nielsen, and Janet Roberts (Secretary/Recorder).

Approval of March's Minutes:

Corrections made to March's minutes as follows:

- The library budget was allocated \$5,000 for tech support.
- 75 people in attendance at the Dr. Seuss Brunch.
- The Roosevelt Library will host "The Everything Fairy Tale Party", April 23, 2016.

After corrections voting done:

1st: Beth Gardner. 2nd Bert Jensen. All approved: Yes 4. No 0.

Library Statistics & Budget Questions.

Daniel made mention of the increases in circulation, computer/wireless usage, and patron count in March. They are all the highest numbers as a system in the last 13 months. Bert asked what contributed to the circulation at Duchesne Branch in particular which had the largest increase. Daniel felt there were a variety of factors including the reassigning of shelves to various staff members, improved displays, and some prominent deselection particularly of the junior non-fiction area. Pres. Miles also suggested that the economy may also be driving more people to the library. Sherry added that it seems the library is becoming more inviting as well.

Daniel discussed the patron count increase in relation to the community room usage at Duchesne Branch. The room demand has increased a great deal since the beginning of the year and is often not available. He felt that the new chairs, the clean-up of the room, and drawing patron's attention to it through library events have probably contributed to the room usage increase.

Updates / Recent Happenings:

Events continue to hold an audience average of about 20 patrons each. There was some concern over LittleBits in March when only 9 attended. However, the April LittleBits met last week and 20 patrons returned.

The Roosevelt Book Clubs have increased attendance reaching 10 people. They had had only 2 or 3 a few months before.

STEM Club will conclude for the summer after this month's activities so that the USU Extension can focus on 4-H activities. STEM Club will resume again in the fall. It continues to perform well in Roosevelt and after its slow start in Duchesne.

The traveling art exhibition from the Utah Division of Arts and Museums arrived and will be on display in Duchesne Library until May 10. The exhibit is titled "Out of Line" featuring expressionism and geometric explorations from Utah artists of the late 20th century.

Library Staff attended the Utah Online Library training and became more aware of online resources available to the public.

Some library staff also attended the Public Library Association Conference in Denver earlier in April. It was the largest professional development event the staff has attended and the feedback about the ideas gleaned from the conference has been very positive.

New shades have been installed at the Roosevelt Library. Hard water from outside seems to have stained the windows which is more noticeable with the new shades up. Sherry and Bert suggested some cleaners that have worked well for them to try on the windows.

Exterior lighting has been added at the Duchesne Branch and all exterior lighting is now on a timer. Benches in front of the building have also been added.

The History Center has had a few more volunteers come consistently to help the original four ladies. Strawberry Cemetery's mapping, obituaries, and photos have recently been completed. Fruitland has just begun and work on Cedarview and Ioka is ongoing. Completing the work of these three cemeteries is the history center's main goal of 2016. Bert asked how the History Center could be better supported. The center receives \$5,000 for materials and needs annually. Bert suggested that increased advertising may help their cause. The center will be able to expand within a year's time when the new Maintenance building is constructed. They would then be able to have more help and room versus the one room they have now to work in.

Upcoming Events:

A: Roosevelt Branch's "Fairy Tale Party" is Saturday, April 23, 2016

B: Utah Library Association Conference is May 4 – 6 at the Davis Conference Center in Layton. Transportation arrangements were discussed with Beth. Janet and Yogi will also be attending.

Collection Development Policy:

The Collection Development Policy received no significant changes after being looked over by the county attorneys besides minor grammar corrections.

A vote to approve the policy:

1st: Bert Jensen. 2nd: Beth Gardner.

Approved: Yes 4. No 0.

Internet Policy: Daniel has nearly completed a draft of the Internet Use Policy which will be reviewed at May's Board Meeting. The policy is due to the State Library by July 1st.

Roosevelt Library Land Discussion:

Greg was not present, but had briefly discussed with Daniel that he had talked with Roosevelt City, who owns the land the library is built on, and they expressed enthusiasm about an expansion of the library, likely on the north side of the building.

Other Discussion:

Sherry suggested a sign to be put up to better indicate which computer patrons can use to search the library catalog. She had heard from other patrons who were unaware that there was such a computer available.

A short discussion of looking at the future of library events occurred and Daniel related to the board that he had begun challenging the staff to think about programs that "help improve patron's quality of life." Though he felt that the programs that have been occurring this year are good in promoting the library, they are child-centric or "fun" events. Some ideas for more educational events were discussed by the board including computer skills, online resources, employment help, etc. Daniel shared that Duchesne Branch may look into some Chromebooks with the CLEF grant that would allow patrons to use the device while in such a class. Sherry suggested that people may want to bring their own devices so they could save their work and links while in the class rather than trying to remember it all later. She also thought that employing the help of some youth volunteers would also make such a venture more successful. In summary, Daniel is challenging the staff to see how the library can be more directly correlated with goals of improving the economy and helping patrons improve their lives, making the library more essential, rather than an amenity.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2016. Crossroads Sr. Center at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Signed: Daniel Mauchley (Library Director).