



## Consent Agenda: Oct. 2019

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### **Duchesne Branch Staff Receive Outstanding Community Partner Award**

Wendy Hargis and Daniel Mauchley were recognized on behalf of the Duchesne Branch at the USU Extension's Annual Conference Awards Dinner as Outstanding Community Partners for the partnership the library has made in promoting the former Food Sense events. They are now known as Create events. The library has provided the venue, advertising, and the funding of supplies for the Food Sense program the past three years. It is an excellent partnership as it also contributes to the library's event offerings.

### **Duchesne Branch Tween Program a Success**

Rachel Hull and Wendy Hargis hosted the first tween program at Duchesne Branch for children ages 9 – 11. It was a break-in box challenge that had 27 youth attend. Overall it was very successful with the tweens excited for the next month's activities. Some parents have expressed their appreciation for the library's efforts in contributing to wholesome activities for the community's youth.

### **History Center Aide Hired**

Angelique Miller, recently moved from Logan, was selected as the History Center aide. She brings a wealth of office, event planning, organizational experience, and enthusiasm to the role. This should allow Janessa freedom to accomplish other History Center work and training while the projects begun by the teens will continue forward to their completion.

### **Overdrive eBook and Audio Consortium**

Nearly 50 library directors met at last week's annual Director's Summit. At the summit, the Utah State Library opened discussion on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding to be instituted next year. In the past the state library has put in over half a million dollars annually to supply the state's libraries with eBooks and eAudiobooks on OverDrive. On top of that, some libraries have contributed significant amounts to purchase their own eBook and eAudiobook licensing to ease wait times and fulfill requests from their own patrons on OverDrive. As of last year, the director's agreed that 2 months after an item's purchase, our own items would be allowed to circulate statewide to avoid wasted money if items don't circulate as well among our own patrons. If any of our own patrons seek our own items

again, they are immediately placed to the top of the wait line on our own material even though it is shared now. Duchesne County Library System contributed over \$35,000 to eContent last year.

Though we and other libraries contribute an additional \$500,000 into the OverDrive collection, there are many libraries who do not contribute at all or very little. The state library is also struggling to keep up with the increasing demand and can't give out as many grants as they would like because of the financial demand of OverDrive. It was proposed that any library wishing to continue in the consortium would need to annually agree through an MOU to pay an amount to the state library to contribute to OverDrive purchases. Such amounts would be based on circulation and would have a maximum limit based on the library's collection budget size e.g. Budgets under \$50,000 would contribute no more than 5% of their collection budget to OverDrive regardless of high circulation. Ours would not reach more than 15% or \$23,000. Should a library not agree to the terms, they are withdrawn from the state consortium.

The majority of directors of libraries large and small, including Daniel, agreed that such a proposal is needed. Some directors even looked at the costs of hosting their own OverDrive collection and found it to be far less economical than staying with the state. The solution will ease some of the financial burden on the state library, ask for equitable contributions from each library based on their financial power and use, and help decrease the long waits on materials. We will expect this to take effect January 1, 2020. We already have enough budgeted to meet this new cost which will be about \$3,000 for continued access to the state collection of hundreds of thousands of titles. A further note: Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, and Davis County libraries all are on their own consortiums already due to their overwhelming size and demand previously. They will not be reintroduced into the consortium as per OverDrive's demands.

## **Duchesne County Library Receives Quality Library Certification**

After two years of work, the Duchesne County Library System received Quality Library Certification at the Director's Summit. This recognition requires the library to meet 6 of 10 additional and optional certification criteria. The criteria were met through:

- Off-site services to Altamont, Tabiona, Parkside Manor, and the Villa
- Improved dynamic library website content and hosting 3 social media platforms for each branch (Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest)
- The Basin Libraries consortium and courier service
- The purchase and tracking of patron requests
- Board membership and participation in the Utah Library Association
- 50% more training hours for the library staff (not the director) beyond the basic certification requirements

About 16 – 20 of the 50+ libraries/systems that serve populations under 50,000 receive this recognition. It is the first time Duchesne County Library System has attained this recognition. Though annual statistics are still required to be reported to the state library, the Quality Library Certification certifies us for two years instead of one.