



**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**MAIN LIBRARY - PARENT CHILD CENTER 901 CONOVER DR.**  
**GRAND PRAIRIE, TX 75051**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 AT 6:00 PM**

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**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

*Former Chair, Patsy Ray called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.*

**PRESENT**

Dan Smith, Chair

Karen Eddlemon, Vice Chair

Ann Chilton

Patricia Smith

Vanna Ngo

Jacquín Headen

Patsy Ray

**ABSENT**

Dana Jackson

Deinna Mims Johnson

**AGENDA ITEMS**

*Citizens may speak on any item on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

*There were no agenda comments.*

1. Minutes of the October 25, 2021, Library Board Meeting

*Dan Smith made a motion for approval of the October 25th, 2021 minutes and Patsy Ray seconded the motion. The motion was passed.*

2. Election of Officers

*a. The board unanimously elected Dan Smith into the position of Chair.*

*b. The board unanimously elected Karen Eddlemon into the position of Vice Chair.*

### 3. Parenting and Other Adult Programs

*Anne Marie Holstead, Program Social Worker, gave the board an insight of the new upcoming positive parenting programs that the library would be providing to the public. Holstead will take previous parenting classes to the next level with programs to help parents with children in different age groups. Holstead will be changing the program hours from 6:00pm to 12:00pm to help working parents come to programs during their break hours or for home parents to go to throughout the day.*

*Josh Rudd, Spanish and Adult Programming Librarian, updated the board on new adult programs coming up in the next semester. Rudd will continue the original programs but will be adding a new program called Night of the Museum. This program will give local artists a chance to display their art. In February 2022, one of the Night of the Museum programs was titled Black Voices in Art to celebrate Black History Month and in March 2022, the program title was Women Voices in Art to celebrate Women History Month. Rudd also express the expansion of more bilingual classes to be offered to the community. In previous programs where they were only English, will now be offered in both English and Spanish. Rudd is also going to create more programs to accommodate the elderly in helping them understand computer skills and as well as fun recreational programs.*

### 4. Heritage Quest as an At-Home Alternative to Ancestry.com

*Jennifer Douglas, Library Service Supervisor of Processing, informed the board of of the transition from Ancestry.com to Heritage Quest for at home genealogy work. Ancestry.com is a library resource that was free to patrons to look up their heritage history within any Grand Prairie Library locations. When COVID occurred, the ability to do genealogy work using Ancestry.com became available for patrons to use at home. In December 2021, Ancestry.com concluded the subscription for patrons to use the application at home. In replacement for at home genealogy work, Heritage Quest will be available for patrons to use at home. Ancestry.com is still available to patrons as an online resource within any Grand Prairie Library locations.*

### 5. 2021 Annual Report

*Peter Sime, Library Service Supervisor of People, informed the board with the statistics from the 2021 annual report. In comparison of June 2020 to February 2021 and June 2021 to February 2022, first time check outs were increased by 21%. The door count for the library has increased also by 39%. Sime updated the board about the resumption of outreach events after being stopped due to COVID-19 regulations. Since the resumption of outreaches, new cards have increased by 51%.*

*Jennifer Douglas, Library Service Supervisor of Processing, updated the board on the usage of online resources. From Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2022, Hoopla Digital's unique users (new users to the application) were increased by 3% and check outs were increased by 14%. Over Drive had a 5% increase of unique users and 19% increase in checkouts.*

### 6. On-Line Library Cards Update

*Peter Sime, Library Service Supervisor of People, updated the board on On-Line Library Cards. Patrons can retrieve library cards by applying for them online using the library's website or going to the Epic Reads. This will help patrons get electronic resources without the need of leaving their homes. Patrons could check out items in person or online using their online barcode number. Sime provided statistics of patrons signing up for online library cards from 102 a month in 2021 to 89 library cards a month in 2022.*

7. Voting at Betty Warmack Branch Library

*Peter Sime, Library Service Supervisor of People, informed the board of voting at the Betty Warmack Branch Library. On the day of voting, the Betty Warmack Branch Library had a total of 978 voters that came in to vote. In the first hour of opening the Betty Warmack Branch Library for voting, the library had over 100 voters in that first hour.*

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

*There were no citizen comments.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm.*

*The forgoing minutes were approved at the \_\_\_\_\_ Library Board Meeting.*

**CERTIFICATION**

*In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Library Board agenda was prepared and posted March 25th, 2022.*



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*Cathy Le, Executive Assistant*