

CITY OF HURST
COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS

On the 16th day of April 2024, at 5:30 p.m., the Library Board of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Regular Meeting at the Library, 901 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Betty Whiteside)	Chair
Janie Melton-Judy)	Members
Ruth Kennedy)	
Peggy Moore)	
Margaret Coleman)	
Julie Granquist)	
Michael Budd)	
Kyle Gordon)	Executive Director of Community Services
Hannah Ditgen)	Community Services Senior Management Assistant
Jesse Loucks)	Library Director
Vanessa Patchen)	Assistant Library Director
Danyelle Weiss)	Youth Services Library Manager
Paige Lutz)	Recreation Administrative Assistant

with the following members absent: none, constituting a quorum, at which time the following business was transacted:

I. Call to Order

Chair Betty Whiteside called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Paige Lutz conducted the Roll Call of Members.

III. Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed and approved the January 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes as written.

The following item was moved to the top of the agenda:

IX. Informational Items

B. Total Solar Eclipse Extravaganza Recap: Danyelle Weiss highlighted the Total Solar Eclipse Extravaganza event the Library hosted on April 8 at Hurst Community Park. Staff partnered with Hurst Parks & Recreation, Hurst Police Department, NASA@ My Library, The Franklin Institute, and the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History to offer free solar eclipse glasses, crafts, games, and food trucks for this once-in-a-lifetime event. Approximately 600 people attended the festivities. Photos were displayed for the Board.

C. **Summer Reading Club Preview:** Ms. Weiss presented details regarding the upcoming Summer Reading Club (SRC). HEB Reads! kicks off on May 11 at Pennington Field with games, STEM activities, free giveaways, and Neal Shusterman author book sales and signing. The Hurst Public Library will host SRC opening and closing parties on June 6 and July 25, featuring sno-cones, lawn games, crafts, Touch-a-Truck exhibits, and MasterWorks concerts. The 2024 SRC will utilize the new Beanstack logging system and app where participants can log their minutes read to earn prizes. Ms. Weiss displayed the programs and events line-up for the Board.

IV. Director’s Report

A. **January – March 2024 Recap:** Jesse Loucks reviewed and displayed the January – March 2024 statistics recap for the Board.

January – March 2024

Circulation.....	72,191
Number of Active Patrons.....	32,342
Volunteer Hours.....	388
Door Count.....	22,109
Electronic Usage Sessions.....	11,121
Page Views.....	29,880
Net Revenue.....	\$1,125
Children’s Programming.....	3,072
Adult Programming.....	596
Outreach Programs.....	1,800

B. **Program & Events Report for January - March:** Jesse Loucks reviewed the Program & Events Report for January - March. Pictures were displayed for the Board.

C. **Upcoming Programs and Events:** Mr. Loucks reviewed the Upcoming Programs and Events report.

D. **Works in Progress**

- 1. Program Room North & South AV:** Jesse Loucks shared that Ford AV and the City’s IT Department have replaced the AV projector in Program Room North with an upgraded model that will utilize 4K resolution and provide high-quality pictures and videos for Library programming. Staff continues to work on replacing the AV projector in Program Room South.
- 2. Texas State Library Annual Report:** Mr. Loucks shared that staff has submitted the Texas State Library Annual Report.
- 3. Texas Municipal Library Directors Association Award:** Mr. Loucks reported that the Library has received the TMLDA award for the 18th consecutive year. The award was displayed for the Board.
- 4. Periodical Area Remodel:** Mr. Loucks informed the Board that the Library staff has begun remodeling the periodical area. Staff will place a small periodical section in the Reading Alcove and convert the old periodical area to additional study areas in response to the high demand

for study rooms. Mr. Loucks showcased potential remodel options for the Board.

5. **Interlibrary Loan Software Update:** Vanessa Patchen shared that the Library is upgrading to a new Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Software that will allow new functionality to streamline the ILL process for staff and patrons. The changeover will begin in May.
6. **Library Mobile App Update:** Ms. Patchen announced that the Library mobile app is functioning again. Patrons can continue utilizing the current app until SirsiDynix releases the new version in the coming months.

E. Staff Activities

1. **Organizational Update:** Jesse Loucks shared that Ciera Fiedler and Mary Haltom have been hired as the full-time Youth Librarian and part-time Teen Librarian, respectively.
2. **Community Outreach:** Vanessa Patchen shared that multiple staff members represented Hurst Public Library at numerous community outreach events including Bedford Heights Elementary Family Fitness Day, Bellaire Elementary and River Trails Elementary Reading Nights, Hurst Hills Elementary Maker Mania, Trinity Lakes Elementary Reading Night, and the Hurst Senior Activities Center Business and Health Expo to distribute program and event information and offer Library card registration. Danyelle Weiss, Youth Services Library Manager, hosted River Trails Elementary for a Library tour, music presentation, and lunch. Ms. Weiss also participates in the L.D. Bell High School TEAMS mentorship and participated in the Community Services presentation for Youth in Government.

V. Reports of the Committee

A. Friends of the Hurst Public Library

1. **Quarterly Revenue Report:** Jesse Loucks presented the Friends' revenue report for January - March.
2. **Upcoming Booksale:** Mr. Loucks shared that the Friends will host a booksale in the Lobby on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

VI. Communications

- A. **Community Comments:** Vanessa Patchen highlighted positive community comments that the Library received regarding the Library's new Youth Services play area. Ms. Patchen also displayed positive comments which resulted from excellent customer service and programs. Photos were displayed for the Board.

VII. Unfinished Business

None at this time.

VIII. New Business

None at this time.

IX. Informational Items

A. Spring Break Programming Recap: Jesse Loucks shared that Wildlife on the Move presented a special program at the Library during spring break which had 195 attendees. Photos were displayed for the Board.

B. Total Solar Eclipse Extravaganza Recap: This item was moved to the top of the agenda.

C. Summer Reading Club Preview: This item was moved to the top of the agenda.

X. Board Member and Citizen Comments

None.

XI. Adjournment

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Betty Whiteside at 6:25 p.m.

APPROVED this the _____ day of _____, 2024

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY