

THE ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
ONTARIO CITY HALL
303 East B Street
April 12, 2022
(Subject to Board approval)

CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order by President Nancy Bumstead at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by President Bumstead.

MEMBERS PRESENT Board members Bumstead, Lanthripe, Mena and Ricci were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT Board member Lawliss absent – excused.

ALSO PRESENT Library Director Shawn Thrasher, Library Services Manager Daisy Flores, Library Services Manager, Kelly Zackmann, Executive Community Life & Culture Agency Director Helen McAlary, and City Attorney, Henry Castillo.

INTRODUCTIONS None.

MINUTES Motion: Moved by Mena, seconded by Lanthripe and unanimously carried to approve the March 08, 2022, minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Public commenter advised that she loves both Ovitt and Lewis as libraries and their staff, and has good experiences at the library but that someone advised that there was a comic book reorganization so that high schoolers could have access to comic books that are sexual in nature and the public commentator wanted to know how book selection is decided and how books are organized because her seven-year-old could have access to pornographic materials and that pornographic literature is addictive.

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE City Council Representative Debra Dorst-Porada was present.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Motion to approve consent calendar for March 2022.

Motion: Moved by Ricci, seconded by Lanthripe and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar for March 2022.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director, Thrasher invited all Library Board Members to the 2022 Serving with a Purpose where the theme is Representation Matters: Building a Better Board for Friends of the Library, trustees, foundations and the people who work with them. Thrasher also advised that National Library Week events went well at both units and there was a total of 170 attendees at both locations.

STAFF REPORT

Book Selection Process and Material Review Policy (Briana Ochoa)

Ochoa narrated a PowerPoint presentation on how the library selects books, evaluates age ranges, and the process for challenging a book. Ochoa also explained that a challenge is when a book may be placed in a different location and ban is when a book is removed completely from a collection. Mena asked if all books are labeled and have specific locations. Ochoa advised that in the children's area books range for ages 0 to 12, YA books are buffeted by adult fiction with their own specific label and that adult and YA non-fiction books are interfiled downstairs. Mena then asked if a child could check out an adult book and Ochoa responded affirmative as the current library policy states. Lanthripe asked if ebooks have labels. Library Services Manager, Daisy Flores responded that digital shelves have categories and filters can be applied for ebook searches. Flores went on to help with anyone wanting to know how to apply filters for ebook searches. Lanthripe advised that some people in the community are saying that the library exposes children to mature content and that children exposed to sex at a young age are developmentally stunted. Lanthripe went on to say that she found a children's book about sexual health that explained how to masturbate and had illustrations of genitalia and that she believes that book belongs in a parenting shelf. Lanthripe went on to ask if a display policy can be made as a future agenda item because she saw an adult book in a YA display and a YA book in a children's display. Thrasher responded that a display policy is something that can be reviewed. Lanthripe commented that the American Library Association Library Bill of Rights is not law that people must live by, and she has ideas about how to make all parents feel welcomed in the library. Ricci commented that display policies need to be visited and that she agrees with Lanthripe. Ricci also stated that she understands that libraries cannot monitor all materials but that if children see comics with sexual nature in children's section, they won't understand. Bumstead advised that the Library Board has a current material review given by Lanthripe and Lanthripe would be presenting another material review. Bumstead went on to say that material review will be hard for everyone, and that library policy will be followed.

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Ontario Learns (Heather Witherow)

Heather Witherow, Supervising Branch Manager, narrated a PowerPoint presentation about Ontario Learns. Witherow also explained that topic subjects are chosen in a variety of ways such as what books are circulating and invited all Library Board Members to find out more topics the community wants to learn about. Bumstead expressed excitement for Ontario Learns and the idea that adults need help. Lanthripe asked if the people who provide Ontario Learns classes are volunteers or are they paid? Thrasher responded that they will be paid with the new grant money and to please send professionals information to the library for this program. Lanthripe then asked if the public must pay to attend these classes to which Thrasher advised negative, all Ontario Learns classes are free to the public. Mena advised that this is a great idea and that she, for example, would like to know more about retirement. Thrasher asked for help in marketing Ontario Learns. Mena then asked if next topics are already set or is Ontario Learns taking topic suggestions? Thrasher responded that topics are set until after fall and then topic suggestions can be taken after fall. Ricci suggested future topics for basics about where to find home water meters, shut off valves, what property belongs to Ontario and what property belongs to the resident, and the like. Thrasher responded that will fall under home skills and can be done. Dorst-Porada offered to teach a class on what property belongs to Ontario and what property belongs to the resident. Dorst-Porada suggested Ontario Learns pull the EOC Manager into teaching skills. Thrasher advised the EOC Manager is involved. Bumstead suggested Dorst-Porada lead a composting class.

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Author Events (Danielle Sanchez)

Danielle Sanchez, Librarian, narrated a PowerPoint presentation about OCL author events. Sanchez explained why OCL has author events, how authors are chosen, and past and future events. Lanthripe asked how much it typically costs to hire an author. Sanchez responded that she typically pays her authors \$350 each but authors charge on average \$1500 to \$5000 per visit. Thrasher advised there are authors who charge six figures for a visit. Bumstead explained that past Teen Book Fests were the same energy as a Beatle concert and that more funding should go to author events to make them larger events. Dorst-Porada suggested the library make a wish-list and have local business help. Bumstead agreed that a library wish-list for local business to help with is a great idea. Thrasher responded in the affirmative and that the library has gone through Friends of the Ontario City Library, but he will investigate a wish-list with the Ontario business community.

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OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Bumstead requests looking into Friends of the Ontario City Library for business wish-list.
Lanthripe requests a presentation for how displays are made.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mena asked if the library has partnered with Kaiser for their program where they read to children for free. Dorst-Porada responded that Ontario does already partner with Kaiser. Ricci would like Candace Owens to speak.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

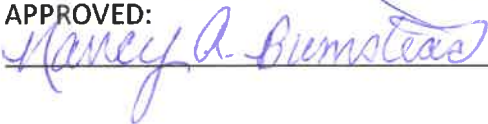
President Bumstead adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm.

Respectively Submitted



Danielle Sanchez, Librarian

APPROVED:



Nancy Bumstead, PRESIDENT