

ABERDEEN TIMBERLAND LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MONTHLY MEETING
12 APRIL 1988
AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Approval of Bills
5. Unfinished Business
 - A. Aberdeen Magazine Collection
6. New Business
 - A. Repainted Library Hours Sign
7. Staff Reports: Riley, Windisch, Peck
8. Board Orientation: Aberdeen Library 1988 Report
9. Announcements
10. Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tuesday, April 12: ABER. LIBRARY BOARD MTG., Aber. Library, 4 p.m.
2. Tuesday, April 12: PARENTING PROGRAM, Aber. Library, 7 p.m.
3. Wed.-Sat., April 13-16: WLA CONFERENCE, Wenatchee
4. Sun.-Sat., April 17-23: NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, "The Card With the Charge"
Monday April 18: HOBBY JAMBOREE, Aber. Library, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 19: CRAFTS DAY, Aber. Library, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 20: GAMES DAY, Aber. Library, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 21: GOOD BODY DAY, Aber. Library 3:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 23: WINDY, THE CLOWN, Aber. Library 3:30 p.m.
5. Tuesday, May 10: ABER. LIBRARY BOARD MTG., Aber. Library, 4 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by Board Chair James Brown. Other members of the Board present were Tom Brennan, Dorothy Vekich and Pat Warren. Lee Rhoden was out of town and was excused from the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Christine Peck, Jay R. Windisch

MINUTES

Tom Brennan moved that the minutes be approved as mailed, Dorothy Vekich seconded the motion, motion carried. It was noted that on page 2, the TRL Director was referred to as "Dr." Dickerson, typographical error noted.

BILLS

The bills were approved by the Board as presented and signed for payment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WEEDING PHILOSOPHY

In response to Board questions about weeding and collection philosophies, a section of the article "Reference Service as a Guide in Public Library Organization" by T.D. Webb, from the Fall 1987 issue of Reference Service Review, was passed out to the Board. This article defines the newer "popularism"/circulation statistics "debate" in public libraries as applied to collection development/maintenance. This is a trend in many public libraries. There followed a discussion about reference service and research. It was noted that Mr. Dickerson's memo on the philosophy of weeding was well-stated and a good philosophy, but that the direct application to some materials did not seem suitable. The Board was concerned for the future, as the memo stated that the collection in Aberdeen needs to be reduced, if one follows a strict formula on collection/demographic statistics. Aberdeen is not geographically situated for great ease of getting to a larger research facility, especially during several months of the year when icy roadways can pose a problem for many drivers. Those in the southern Puget Sound area have much more convenient access to the library facilities at The Evergreen State College, the Washington State Library, Washington State Law Library, St. Martin's, and even the Tacoma/Seattle area libraries. Grays Harbor College is making some great strides in collection development, but still does not have the collection extent, nor the hours, needed in this area. Aberdeen residents would have to drive 1½+ hours, wait 2-3+ weeks for ILL, or possibly not be able to even obtain it at all via interlibrary loan.

MAGAZINE ARTICLE

POPULARISM

10-15% REDUCTION/
COLLECTION AT AB

ACCESS TO "RESEARCH"
FACILITIES

PLANNING PROCESS

The Board was interested in how this philosophy "works" with the planning process now in progress. What happens when the public defines access to information their priority. Who decides what information they will have access to? The Board noted that they were glad that Mr. Dickerson did understand their concern, and decided that a response was in order, expressing the Board's idea of the public library collection and their expectations concerning the same.

RESPONSE BY BOARD

NEW BUSINESS

SIGNAGE

Christine noted that the painted sign on the front entrance to the library is incorrect and does not reflect Aberdeen's open hours, which now seem to be fairly "set". The Board discussed the situation and decided that if the style and design of the new lettering is approved by Christine and Jay, it would be approved by the Board.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Christine noted that Joanne was providing a program at Westport and that she had not realized it was the Board meeting when the program was first scheduled. Christine reminded the Board that Children's Services in G.H. County are provided by Joanne being based at Aberdeen 32 hours/week, with 8 hours staffing in the county. Christine reported on Joanne's activities for National Library Week and the Change Your Mind program, which centers

on reading instead of watching television. Christine also mentioned an interview for the radio over the telephone as part of a panel of 3 on parenting and alternatives to watching television. Joanne has some very good ideas, including one used in Illinois, which is an end of the summer storytelling campfire. The Aberdeen Friends of the Library will provide the marshmallows at the August 30, event at Stewart Park.

STORY CAMPFIRE

REFERENCE

Jay reported that the only addition to the written report was the fact that Mr. Churchill's class visited the library 3 times during the month, and that there were about 16 students each visit. James Brown asked about the Medical Reference workshop and CD-ROM information. Jay noted that we had Medline on CD-ROM and a demonstration copy of Cancer information on CD-ROM.

STATISTICS DROP

Christine reported that Aberdeen "lost" $\frac{1}{2}\%$, from 8.5 to 8.0% in TRL materials distribution. At this point the Board discussed the TRL Comparative Statistics and how these affected Aberdeen.

ANNUAL REPORT

Tom Brennan moved that the Annual Report be approved, with appreciation, motion seconded by Dorothy Vekich. The Board voted to approve the report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business of the Board, Dorothy Vekich moved that the meeting be adjourned, motion seconded by Tom Brennan. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Jay B. Andrews