

THE ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OVITT FAMILY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
215 East C Street
May 9, 2023
(Subject to Board approval)

CALL TO ORDER This meeting was called to order by Board President Crisol Mena at 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Board Vice President, Gina Lanthripe.

MEMBERS PRESENT Board Secretary Ann Lawliss.

MEMBERS ABSENT Board member, Elizabeth Ricci.

ALSO, PRESENT Library Director, Shawn Thrasher, Library Services Manager, Daisy Flores, Library Services Manager, Kelly Zackmann, Supervising Librarian, Veronica Cortez, and Librarian Tabitha Buckner.

INTRODUCTIONS Library Director Shawn Thrasher introduced Supervising Librarian, Veronica Cortez, and Librarian Tabitha Buckner and asked that they introduce themselves to the Board and give a bit of their background, which they both did.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Patterson from *Friends of the Library* came to introduce himself as the Vice President of the *Friends of the Library*, as well as inform the Board about:

- a DVD sale they had and how successful it turned out;
- an upcoming chess tournament in two (2) weeks with the Cucamonga Chess Club;
- a trivia contest they will host in August 2023 as a fundraiser;
- a 50th anniversary full Gala in November 2023;

The “Friends” will send out more information as these events approach.

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Board Secretary Lawliss, seconded by Board President Mena and unanimously carried to approve the March 14, 2023 minutes.

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

City Council Representative Debra Porada indicated that her comments pertained to the Museum’s exhibition *Built on Water* that was being presented to the Board tonight so she would comment after the presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Moved by Board Vice President, Gina Lanthripe, seconded by Board Secretary Lawliss and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar for April 2023.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

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Library Director Shawn Thrasher spoke about the following items:

- Summer Ready program will start very soon, a flyer was passed out, theme is *Reading can you dig it?*". All ages are invited to participate and can register online. Program runs from June 5 through July 30th. Along with the summer reading program, both libraries have several programs.
- Lunch at the library will be running Monday through Friday, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Ovitt Library.
- Annual conference: California Library Conference is the first weekend of June and some of the Library personnel will be attending, the theme this year is "Sustainability" Sustaining Libraries. Director Thrasher is the co-chair for this conference and is looking forward to it.
- June 16, 2023 at 10:00 am the library will have a Veteran's Job & Resource Fair at Ovitt Library with approximately 40 businesses and organizations to help attendees seeking employment or benefits.
- Sam Alba Park playground grand opening on Friday May 12, 2023 and all of Board is invited to attend.

STAFF REPORT

Beverly Cleary Young Reader's Room Ribbon Cutting and Birthday Bash

Briana Ochoa, Supervising Librarian presented:

Background:

In July 2022, an Ontario resident submitted a naming request form to the Library Board to request that the City Council of Ontario name the Ovitt Family Community Library children's room in honor of the children's author, Beverly Cleary. After approval from City Council, the Library Board met in September 2022 and chose the name "Beverly Cleary Young Readers Room."

On April 12, 2023, the Ontario City Library hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony and family event for the naming of the Beverly Cleary Young Readers Room. The community was invited to watch the unveiling of the new sign and partake in activities themed after Cleary's characters. Over 100 community members were present for the event.

A copy of this presentation is available upon request from the Library Director.

Board Secretary Ann Lawliss thanked Ms. Ochoa and commented on how much she enjoyed the ribbon cutting event and really appreciated the program. She even checked out a book that she had read as a child and had really appreciated it as an adult.

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Ontario Museum of History & Art: Built on Water: Ontario and Inland Southern California

Leslie Matamoros, Museum Curator, and Miriam Valle-Mancilla, Museum Curator, presented:

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In 2017, the Ontario Museum of History & Art began developing a new permanent exhibition, which was inspired by efforts underway to redesign the Museum's landscaping with native plants and water-saving features. Curatorial staff realized there was a bigger story to tell about water and its importance in Ontario. The Museum was awarded a Museums for America grant from the Institute of Library and Museum Services for this new exhibit in 2018. *Built on Water: Ontario and Inland Southern California* focuses on the history and future of water in the Ontario region and the Chino Basin, and was developed collaboratively with local archivists, water agencies, teachers, tribal members, college students and historians. The grant funds were used to plan and implement the 1,200 square-foot exhibition, as well as create educational programming and interactive components such as a mobile app that explores the future of water management and a VR experience that follows the life of a Monarch butterfly. The Curator of Exhibits and Curator of Education will present on the four-chapter themes of the exhibit and complimentary visitor engagement activities and resources.

1. Where Does Water Come From?
2. Who Does Water Belong to?
3. Do we Have Enough Water?
4. Who are the Water Guardians?

Built on Water will have a grand opening celebration on Saturday, August 19 from 6 PM – 9 PM in conjunction with the quarterly Ontario Art Walk. Additionally, the staff invites the public to join us on Thursday, August 31 at 6 PM for a panel discussion with contributors to the exhibit's Community Voices on Water project. Participants will discuss why water is such an important aspect of living here in the Inland Empire.

Built on Water is made possible through the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and by the City of Ontario and the Ontario Municipal Utilities Company.

A copy of this presentation is available upon request from the Library Director.

Board Vice President, Gina Lanthripe congratulated the Museum curators on the exhibit and asked what the size of the exhibit and Curator Matamoros explained that she did not know the exact square footage but it took up an entire gallery with content on the walls and on the floor as well.

Board Secretary Ann Lawliss commented that she could not wait for the exhibit and thanked both curators for the exhibition.

Board President Mena thanked the curators for the exhibition and commented on how it would allow her and the public to be more aware of water and where it comes from and can't wait to go to the exhibit.

City Council Representative Debra Porada commented that the *Built-on Water* exhibit would not have happened if it were not for Museum Curator Leslie Matamoros and Library Services Manager, Kelly

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Zackmann working so diligently together and for so long to get this done. She wanted to thank them both.

Public Comment:

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Board member Comments:

Board Vice President, Gina Lanthripe did not have comments but thanked all the presenters and everyone for keeping the Board informed.

Board Secretary Ann Lawliss thanked all the presenters and will ask her school to take a field trip to the Museum as a 4th grade field trip to see the *Built-on Water* exhibition. She also wanted to share that a parent informed her that the Read-a-thon she promoted has helped her child who has some difficulties and Ms. Lawliss said that is exactly why she is promoting the Library and its programs to help other parents.

Board President Mena informed the Board that she was at an event on Friday where the Library had a table where parents were excited too. She received a lot of great feedback. She was also very happy about the Library and Museum collaborating and getting things done especially how they worked on this last exhibit *Built-on Water*.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Board President Mena adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Submitted



Nelva Costello, Senior Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

