

THE ONTARIO CITY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OVITT FAMILY COMMUNITY LIBRARY
215 East C Street
March 8, 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, Lawliss, Mena and Ricci are all present.
MEMBERS ABSENT	All were present
ALSO PRESENT	Library Director Shawn Thrasher, Library Services Manager Daisy Flores, Executive Community Life & Culture Agency Director Helen McAlary, and City Attorney Ryan Guiboa,
INTRODUCTIONS	Executive Vice President of Citizens Business Bank, Ted Donovan, along with other members of the bank presented a check for \$20,000 to the Friends of Ontario City Library to be used to support the development of Ontario Learns program. Library Director Shawn Thrasher thanked them for their support.
MINUTES Motion:	Moved by Mena, seconded by Lawliss and unanimously carried to approve the February 24, 2022 minutes.
PUBLIC COMMENTS	There was a public comment. A woman asked if there is a policy on banning books. She asked if there was a set policy on what is inflammatory or what is age inappropriate. Library Director Thrasher responded that the library has a material review policy. He explained that if somebody comes in and objects to an item in the library, there is a process that they can go through in order for library staff to take a look at the material and evaluate it.
CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE	City Council Representative Debra Dorst-Porada was present. She shared an article for the board members to review and was interested in hearing thoughts or suggestions on programs based on the article.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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Monthly Statistical Report for February 2022.

Motion: Moved by Ricci, seconded by Mena and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Calendar for February 2021.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Thrasher reported ways that Ontario City Library celebrated Black History Month. At Ovitt Family Community Library, the Youth Services department displayed books about Black history and heroes at the service desk. It was estimated that 100 books were circulated during that time. On February 10th, the Youth Services department held a program for families called "Heroes and Legends", which focused on Black heroes and comic creators. Model Colony History Room had a display on historic photos and books on local black history. Lewis Family Branch had a display on a book by Dr. Byron Skinner, who wrote a book called *Black Origins in the Inland Empire*. Staff created a display of the book and surrounded it with excerpts of the book about Black local heroes. The students at the school were encouraged to come see the display.

STAFF REPORT

Naming of Ontario City Library Facilities (Daisy Flores)

Daisy Flores, Library Services Manager, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on a policy addressing naming of Ontario City Library facilities.

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

Flores gave the Library Board three options: to move to recommend the policy as written, to move with suggested changes addressed during the presentation, or to instruct staff to do further research. The suggested changes addressed during the presentation were to include the following language: 3.1.4 should include the language "as denied" and 3.4 should include the language "drugs". Board member Lanthripe questioned section 3.4b, specifically how a political organization will be determined. Library Director Thrasher said that he interprets this as an actual name of a political organization. Board member Lanthripe addressed the City Attorney asking if the wording is okay to be left to interpretation. City Attorney Ryan Guiboa states that it is fine to leave it up to interpretation, but language could be added to clarify. Board Member Ricci stated that she would like it to be clarified since it is vague. Board members gave options on different wording. City Attorney Guiboa mentions that as written, it does not say explicitly that it cannot be a name of a political party, it says "naming that promotes any political party or affiliation will not be considered". He states that the current wording is broad enough to lead to interpretation and be a fact-based determination when making the decision. Library Director Thrasher states that when it comes to making a decision, the library board can have the discussion of whether a

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name is political so leaving it broad allows for a discussion. City Attorney Guiboa says that leaving it as is still keeps it broad. Board member Ricci says that is fine.

Motion: Moved by Bumstead, seconded by Mena and unanimously carried to approve the *Naming of Ontario City Library Facilities, Rooms or Collections Policy* with the recommended changes presented.

State of the City (Shawn Thrasher)

Shawn Thrasher, Library Director, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the State of the City 2022 event.

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

President Bumstead asked if there would be a guest speaker at the State of the City event. The answer was no. Board member Lanthripe asked if they could have a copy of the slide that included talking points. Library Director Thrasher stated he would email them to the board members. President Bumstead commented that people will be asking questions so the Library Board members should come prepared. City Council Representative Dorst-Porada mentioned that everyone should talk to those standing alone and should help other to mingle and talk to others.

National Library Week (Steven Arechiga)

Steven Arechiga, Circulation Supervisor, narrated a PowerPoint presentation on the State of the City 2022 event.

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

Motion: Moved by Ricci, seconded by Mena and unanimously carried to approve the "2 for the price of 1" DVD checkouts during National Library Week.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Election

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President Bumstead opened the discussion for nominations. Board member Lanthripe asked how does the process work. President Bumstead explained that they could nominate new people, could nominate themselves, or they could leave things the way they are. Library Director Thrasher explained that they could serve on the board two years in a row.

Motion: Moved by Ricci, seconded by Lawliss and unanimously carried to approve to keep the board as is.

BOARD COMMENTS

President Bumstead asked the board for comments. Board member Lanthripe asked if audio books are requestable through the Zip Book program. Library Services Manager Flores responded that they are. Board member Ricci asked if Spanish speakers would be included for Ontario Learns programs. She states that there are many Spanish speakers in our community. Library Director Thrasher says he will bring this up with staff. Board member Mena asked if it would be possible to adjust the agenda by adding a line for a motion when needed after a presentation. Library Director Thrasher said that they can make that change. President Bumstead expressed that she would like the library to have some sort of pen-pal program for people to practice their writing skills, including cursive. Board member Lanthripe shared that the Corona Library has a “board game by the books” program weekly and will share the flyer. City Council Representative Dorst-Porada suggested that others attend the Recreation meetings. She states that the Recreation department lists all their program and that it is amazing the variety of programs that are available to the community.


FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items to report.

ADJOURNMENT


President Bumstead adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.

Respectively Submitted



Araya
, Librarian

APPROVED:



Bumstead
, PRESIDENT