Duchesne County Library System

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Oct. 17, 2023 @ 4:30 PM: Roosevelt Branch

The mission of Duchesne County Library System is to enrich our residents' knowledge and inspire their growth. Through these efforts the library envisions our residents empowered to strengthen each other and unite their communities.

Conducting: Chair Jessica Shaw. The meeting was called to order at 4:31 p.m.

Welcome / Roll call: Chair Jessica Shaw, Director Daniel Mauchley, Vice Chair Deb Evans, Jenny Adams, Jesse Walker, Secretary Amy Snow, Commissioner Irene Hansen, Kathryn Crapo.

Also in attendance was Michael Hawley and Mark Jensen of Jones and DeMille Engineering.

Welcome of New Library Board Member: Jesse Walker from the Mountain Home area. Her term will be until June 30, 2026.

Sep 2023 minutes approval: Deb Evans motioned to approve the September 2023 minutes. There was a 2nd from Jenny Adams. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

A motion to suspend the agenda to allow for public comment was made by Amy Snow with a 2nd by Deb Evans. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

Public Comment: Presentation from Jones and DeMille Engineering by Michael Hawley and Mark Jensen. They expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work on the Roosevelt Branch building project. They felt it was significant for the community, and like being partners in improving life in Duchesne County. They expressed gratitude for the Permanent Community Impact Board's funding approval of the project. They gave Daniel Mauchley a framed aerial photograph of the library, which will be hung in the library. They distributed some thank you mugs and candy. Daniel Mauchley expressed gratitude for Jones and DeMille and stated that the library and county enjoyed working with them on the project.

Board Training: Freedom to Read Statement: The board reviewed the ALA Freedom to Read Statement. Daniel Mauchley highlighted point two (The board does not advocate or endorse ideas that the library makes available). He also highlighted number three (It is contrary to public interest for librarians to bar access to readings based on the background of the author). We respect the right of all people to read what they choose to read.

Approval of Library Technology Plan 2023-2025: The technology plan has been reviewed at previous meetings. Jenny Adams made a motion to approve the technology plan as written. There was a 2nd from Kathryn Crapo. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

Review of Circulation Policy – Proposal to Increase Physical Checkout Limits for Non-restricted County Resident Accounts. The board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the policy. The major

proposed change to the policy is that resident patrons in good standing will be allowed to check out 24 physical items per account, matching the checkout limits that our partner, the Uintah County Library, currently offers their patrons. There are also anticipated benefits for heavy, reliable users of the library, particularly homeschooling families in need of large amounts of material, and also patrons who live farther from the library and make fewer trips to access the collection.

Review of Collection Development, Exhibit, & Event Policy – Statement of Concern Process & Digital Selection. The board reviewed and discussed the proposed changes to the policy. The policy states that the library supports the constitutional rights of its citizens. It is proposed that the name of the Reconsideration form be changed to the Statement of Concern form. A clarification is also proposed concerning the digital collections offered by the Beehive Library Consortium. Patron concerns with those items need to be addressed to the Beehive Library Consortium as the Duchesne County Library System does not select the large majority of the items included in that collection.

Update on 2024-2026 Strategic Planning Process. The survey has been provided to the community in both paper and electronic formats. The board and library staff will meet on November 17, 3-5:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt Branch to discuss the survey feedback and select major strategic goals.

Review of Sep Statistics/Budget/Consent Agenda. The board reviewed the September statistics and budget. The three missing hotspots have been replaced. The board discussed the hotspot service provided by the library. Once the grant for hotspots ends the board will review the use and cost of the service to determine if the program should continue.

Next meeting – Tues, Nov. 28, 2023 (4th Tuesday) 4:30 PM @ Duchesne Branch

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE PENDING AND WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

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Amy Snow, Secretary