

# CITY OF MANSFIELD

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 14, 2021

6:00 PM

Community Room

**Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

*The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Quinten at 6:00 PM.*

*Board Members Present*

*Bobby Quinten, Cindy Kuster, Debra Collins, Emily Bauer, Suzonne Evans, Althea Chaderton, Maggie Martin, Cindy Gray, Richard Ajenikoko and ex officio Friends President Kathy Allen.*

*City and Library Staff present*

*Director of Library Services Yolanda Botello, Director of Community Services Matt Young, Assistant Director of Library Services Faria Matin, Youth Services Librarian Julie Crisafulli, Community Engagement Librarian Lori Eddy.*

*Citizens Present*

*Paula Highfill and Michael Lowe*

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE MEETING**

*A motion to approve the June 9, 2021 minutes, as written, was made by Debra Collins and was seconded by Cindy Kuster.*

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Michael Lowe commented on the use of the library reading tracking application called Beanstack. Beanstack showed a badge during pride month in the month of June. Michael Lowe believes that LGBT mostly deals with sexual discussions (gay, transgender, lesbian, etc.) Beanstack does have a way to disable notifications; however, it would disable all other notifications as well. Mr. Lowe thinks this notification should not be allowed for children. According to Mr. Lowe, Beanstack is sending out various notifications that are not suitable for children, like Kafka Day, Pride Month, etc.*

4. **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY UPDATE**

*Friends President Kathy Allen shared the following update:*

*The Friends of the Library will be hosting the annual book sale from August 18 - August 21. The "Books by the Bag" Presale will start on the 18th, and then open to the public on Thursday-Saturday. Cost for Wednesday and Thursday is \$10/bag and Friday is \$5/bag. Set up help is welcome.*

*Mansfield Reads Kick-off for Reads will occur on Sept. 16 from 6-7:30pm at Market Street. The Friends are also working on promotions for North Texas Giving Day, Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021. Debra Collins will run the schedule from 6:00 AM - 11:00 PM. In 2020, the Friends raised over \$6,000.*

5. **DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

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**6. OLD BUSINESS**

*Library expansion: We are still working on the construction plan and the phased plan. The library and the contractor are talking about the possibility of staying open through the expansion project. The first option is to stay open as much as possible and be closed minimally. This results in a longer construction time and is more costly. The second option is to do construction in one phase and the remodel in another phase. This option means the library would be closed for about four months. This time period would allow the library staff to work on the RFID project. The library will look into non-traditional services that could be offered during this time and bring various programs out into the community.*

*Feasibility Study Update: The Second Workshop and Public Meeting was focused on aquatics and went through the library wish-list. There was a good amount of public turnout. The site will be two story and have a water element to deal with runoff. They will now focus on the site layout and address staffing needs. Preliminary survey results have been very positive from both the library and rec center. Since the last board meeting, the feasibility committee toured rec centers and libraries. The feasibility study will be presented to City Council at the August 23 meeting.*

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

*The library will be implementing a homebound service "DREAM Delivery" (Delivering Resources for Education Around Mansfield). Patrons can now opt in for this homebound delivery service. Senior citizens are the target patrons, but the service is available to anyone who is homebound due to age or health issues that cause a temporary or permanent homebound status. The library board will need to approve the policies. Community Engagement Librarian, Lori, is working with Caprice from the MAC. The Board will meet in August to approve the policies.*

**8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Althea provided an update on story stroll: Candy Cane Carnival. The next meeting with staff and Althea will be on August 23.*

*Emily shared that Cinemark is a new masterpiece sponsor. They have donated the theater to show the movie adaptation of News of the World followed by a discussion of the book and movie adaptation. They have also donated Guest passes to raffle off.*

*The library board will discuss the citizen comments from Mr. Lowe, regarding Beanstack, at the next library board meeting.*

*The next scheduled board meeting is August 11 at 6:00 PM*

**9. ADJOURN**

*The meeting was adjourned by President Bobby Quinten at 7:22 PM*

**CERTIFICATION**

All meetings of the Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board and its committees are open to the public.

I certify that this agenda was posted at the main entrance and on the web site of the Mansfield Public Library by 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 9, 2021 , in accordance with City policy.

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Yolanda Botello, MLS  
Director of Library Services