

Meeting Called to Order/ Roll Call

- Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
- Present: Joann Bailey, Deb Dukes, Linda Fitzgerald, Lisa Koski, Jennifer Miller, Diane Murphy, Lexie Walsh. Lorena Cary was absent.

Recognition of Visitors- No visitors

Public Comment- No public comment

Discuss Branch Background/Statistics

- Lexie Walsh shared the downward trend of usage by reading the Branch Library statistics from 2015-2019. Adult fiction, and DVDs account for $\frac{3}{4}$ of total circulation. Discussion also included that the physical collection at the Branch is not as much of a priority for patrons versus the utilization of non-traditional services (faxing, copying, and stamp purchases). A survey was conducted in March and May 2021 that showed 96% of patrons drive to the branch, and 4% either walk, bicycle, or take the bus. There was an average of 235 discreet visitors monthly during these surveys.

Discuss Service Priorities in Sunnyland Area

- Questions arose regarding how the library is reaching out to the schools to bring in more students. Committee members expressed concerns regarding low income residents and the need for a place to visit and attend free programming. It was suggested that more can be done at Branch to attract the young adult population.

Discuss Options for Branch Services

- Suggestions for Branch services were: a library day at Leisure Acres retirement village, partner with district 50 schools and daycare centers for library outreach, field trips for students to visit the library, reaching out to more seniors and others through the outreach delivery program, have a reading program where students and senior citizens could collaborate on a reading project.
- Over 100 new library cards have been made for students at district 50 schools.
- Signage at the front of the plaza was discussed. Lexie will talk with the landlord.
- It was suggested to make the Branch Library more visible on the Library's website and Facebook page.
- An after school mentoring program has begun on Mondays starting at 2:30pm by a 7th grade teacher from district 50 schools.

Determine Next Steps for Branch Future Committee

- In order for the committee to acquire information on what our service priorities should be from the public, an online and paper survey will be distributed to the residents in the community.
- Various metrics and timelines were discussed, but no decisions were made. The Committee will meet in January to discuss survey results and next steps.

Other Discussion- None

Public Comment- None

Board Comment- None



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Branch Future Committee Meeting
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Motion made to adjourn by Lexie Walsh, seconded by Diane Murphy. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.