



Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Approved

Program Room A

104 South Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 76063

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Quinten at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Bobby Quinten, Debra Collins, Jandel Crutchfield, Richard Ajenikoko, Kamaria Chisolm, Cindy Gray, and Leigh Ann Osburn

Board Members Absent:

None

Library Staff Present:

Director of Library and Historical Services Yolanda Botello, Assistant Director of Library Services Faria Martin, Community Engagement Librarian Lori Eddy

Citizens Present:

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY MEETING

A motion to approve the May 2025 minutes, as written, was made by Richard Ajenikoko and was seconded by Cindy Gray. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens wishing to address the Library Board on agenda items and items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Due to regulations to the Texas Open Meetings Act, please do not expect a response from the Board as they are not able to do so. **THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.** All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. In order to be recognized during "Citizen Comments" please complete a card located at the entrance and present it to Library Staff prior to the start of the meeting.

None

4. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY UPDATE

The Mansfield Women's Club awarded a \$3500 grant to the Friends of the Library. Yolanda Botello will follow up with the Friends to receive that check.

5. DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

*Library General Update *Quarterly Report

The Summer Reading Program has been successful, so far. There have been 85 programs,

over 4,000 program attendees, over 2,000 lunches served, more than 20,000 visitors to the library, 1,067 reading challenge participants, and over 18,000 days of reading logged. The library leadership team has focused on staff morale. The Summer Reading end party will be July 25th from 10-11:30am and Yolanda asked for volunteers from the board for that event. The City is currently in the budget process for the upcoming year with the library having submitted their initial requests in April. Thus far, the library has requested one position and some capital funds and is waiting to hear back. The library received funding for Mansfield Reads and is looking for its next author. The library also received a \$2500 Texas Book Festival grant to expand the Spanish children's book section.

The library is currently hiring for a Youth Services Librarian.

The library is partnering with the city to bring programming to the new Geyer Commons site. Yolanda Botello reviewed the quarterly report and highlighted that the library received its accreditation again for 2025. A few maintenance updates were shared: the front ramp wall is listed in the capital request, but no other details are available at this time. Additionally, the internal library front doors are damaged and will be replaced. The roof has a slight leak that also needs to be addressed by the city.

6. OLD BUSINESS

***5 Year Strategic Plan Update**

The strategic plan has been reviewed multiple times by library staff. There are no current major updates. The board will be presented with the final strategic plan in August or September for adoption. Then the plan will go before the City Council. Yolanda Botello encouraged board members to review the plan for clarity to the public audience.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board members praised the attendance and service being given by the library staff.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by President Bobby Quinten at 6:44 pm.

_____ Bobby Quinten, President

ATTEST:

_____ Jandel Crutchfield, Secretary