

LIBRARY BOARD
PACKET FOR FEBRUARY 2020
MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2020
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AGENDA

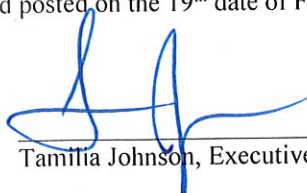
**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

Grand Prairie Main Library
Administration Conference Room
901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie, TX 75051
February 24, 2020
6:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes – January 27, 2020 Meeting
- III. Citizen Comments – Citizens may speak up to five minutes on any item on the agenda or not on the agenda.
- IV. Spanish and Cultural Programming
- V. Online Resources
- VI. April Artist in Bloom Show – April 18-30, 2020
- VII. Friends of the Library Book Sale and Update
- VIII. Next Meeting – June 22, 2020
In lieu of the March-May 2020 meetings, board members are encouraged to:
 - a). Volunteer for the Big Event on March 28th to shelve books at Main Library from 10:00 a.m.–noon
 - b). Attend Grand Opening of Grow Butterfly Garden at Betty Warmack Library, tentatively planned for April 15th
 - c). Work Friends of the Library Book Sale during the week of April 13th
 - d). Attend Summer Reading Club Kick-off on May 30th at Main Library from 10:00 a.m.-noon
- IX. Adjournment

"In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C, of the Texas Government Code, the Library Board Agenda was prepared and posted on the 19th date of February, 2020".

Posted by:



Tamilia Johnson, Executive Assistant

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JANUARY 27, 2020
MEETING MINUTES
&
MATERIALS

**GRAND PRAIRIE MAIN LIBRARY
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM
901 CONOVER DRIVE
GRAND PRAIRIE, TX 75051
LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
January 27, 2020**

Members Present

Patsy Ray, Chair
Julia Perez, Vice Chair
Deborah Adame
Karen Eddlemon
Deinna Mims Johnson
Dan Smith
Eric Smith

Members Absent

Stephanie Brown
Dana Jackson

Staff Present

Jennifer Walker, Library Services Manager
Jennifer Douglas, Supervisor of Process
Jennifer Lusk, Children's Programmer
Caitlin Milligan, Supervisor of Programs

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Board Chair Patsy Ray.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

III. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

IV. Spring Programs

Caitlin Milligan, Supervisor of Programs, passed out copies of the Libraries' Spring Program Guide and highlighted programs for children, teens, and adults.

V. HumanKIND Project

Milligan detailed the creation of the Library's HumanKIND project, a subset of programs and resources that encourage our community to be more curious, compassionate, and culturally aware. Components of the project include programs that seek to educate our community about diverse cultures, to build relationships, and encourage civility; special collection resources, such as the Empathy List and Read-it-Again kits; and community impact projects, such as the Care Kits which provide personal hygiene products free upon request, and Kindness Cards for library customers to pass along random acts of kindness in the community. While the two programs were developed separately, the Library's program and the Grand Prairie Independent School District's Be Kind initiative work hand in hand to spread a message of mindful compassion in our community.

VI. Prison Program

Jennifer Lusk, Children's Programmer, spoke on the Library's recent partnership with the Windam School District. WSD is the school district that serves the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Lusk has been trained and authorized to work with the school at the Hutchins State Jail and leads classes on Reading Aloud to your Child, The Importance of Play: Play and Literacy go Hand-in-Hand, and other early literacy topics. The goal of the project is to help train inmates to be mindful and engaged parents to support their children's learning goals, as well as to assist offenders in becoming productive members of society.

VII. Book Club Kits

Jennifer Douglas, Supervisor of Process, spoke on the new Book Club kits that she has developed and which will be debuting in the collection on Monday, March 3rd. These kits are designed to be resources for independent book clubs in the community and include 10 copies of a single title, along with a page of discussion questions on the book. Books include a variety of titles in fiction and non-fiction. The Book Club kits circulate for six weeks at a time, to give the club leaders time to distribute the books to members before the meetings and to give adequate time to read and process the book for discussion. Book Club kit titles are: *The Devil in the White City*, *Room*, *The Nightingale*, *Orange is the New black*, *Everything I Never Told you*, *Big Little Lies*, *Brain on Fire*, *An American Marriage*, *The Glass Castle*, and *The Martian*.

VIII. Friends of the Library Update

Jennifer Walker, Library Services Manager, presented the Friends of the Library report. The January clearance sale, held on January 18th & 19th, brought in a total of \$725 of sales and donations. A total of 625 customers visited the sale.

IX. Next Meeting

The next Library Board meeting will be held on February 24, 2020 at the Main Library.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Patsy Ray, Chair



Jennifer Walker, Library Services Manager

Grand Prairie Library partnership with Windham School District

- The Windham School District (WSD) was established by the Texas Board of Corrections in October 1969.
- Provides appropriate educational programs to meet the needs of the eligible offender population, thus reducing recidivism by assisting offenders in becoming productive members of society.
- Provides a variety of academic classes and Career and Technical Education (CTE) as well as life skills programs, including parenting and family wellness.

wsdtx.org

Hutchins State Jail

Male facility with a maximum capacity of 2,276.

Educational Programs (WSD):

Literacy (Adult Basic Education/GED), Title I, CHANGES/Pre-Release, Cognitive Intervention

Career and Technology Programs: Business Computer Information Systems I; Introduction to Computer Aided Drafting

Parenting Program topics (Grand Prairie Library):

Reading Aloud to Your Child

The Importance of Play: Play and Literacy Go Hand-in-hand

The Great Outdoors: Benefits of Outdoor Play

Giving Meaningful Feedback

How to Raise a Winning Reader



MISSION & PURPOSE:

The HumanKIND Project at the Grand Prairie Public Library System is a subset of programs and resources that encourage our community to be more curious, compassionate and culturally aware. By creating opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue, participate in multicultural celebrations and read diverse books promoting messages of kindness, Grand Prairie can help lead the charge to becoming a more empathetic and understanding society. We believe that when we celebrate our differences, seek common ground and pursue insights over insults, we will all be better.

PROGRAMMING MISSION:

Programs featured by The HumanKIND Project seek to educate our community about diverse cultures, build relationships and encourage civility. Programs will span all age groups and cover topics from introductions to religions and cultures to lessons on kindness and empathy. Culture Kids programs will focus on exposing children and their families to experiences and celebrations from around the world.

LIBRARY COLLECTION:

The HumanKIND Project seeks to highlight books and materials in our collection that promote empathy, challenge worldviews and enlighten the reader about the experiences of others unlike themselves.

- ◆ **Empathy List:** Books that meet the criteria listed above will carry a special sticker to inform our patrons of their significance. These books can be found at every reading level, and our list is always expanding.
- ◆ **Read It Again Kits:** We have created special kits for parents of young children focusing on concepts like diversity, compassion, families, resiliency, mindfulness and others. These kits include board books, picture books, relevant toys and games and a parenting book all related to the given topic.

COMMUNITY IMPACT:

Care Kits: We invite our patrons to bring donations of various hygiene items that we organize into individual "care kits." These kits are available to any of our patrons in need of them, no questions asked.

Kindness Cards: Kindness Cards are available at our desks for patrons to take and pass on. Individuals are encouraged to do a random act of kindness for another that they would likely otherwise not have done. When they do this kindness, they pass on the card encouraging the recipient to do their own act of kindness creating a pay-it-forward movement.

THE *human* **KiND** PROJECT

creating **community**. cultivating **compassion**.

Kindness Cards



Please pick up a Kindness Card at one of our desks and look for an opportunity to make someone's day a little bit brighter. The card will continue to circulate as we pass on kindnesses.

Care Kits

Care Kits are available at our front desk and include items like soap, toothpaste, deodorant and feminine products. Please just ask for one!

We also accept **donations** of new and unused hygiene items to stock our Care Kits.



Empathy Reading List



The books we read can influence our understanding of the world and the way we treat those who are different from us. These books will expose the reader to new cultures, perspectives and experiences to help promote personal growth. Look for this Empathy List sticker on books at all reading levels.

01-20 Book Sale Misc. Data FRIENDS OF GP Library

Setup Workers:

01-16-20	9	Staff	8
01-17-20	9	Staff	1

Sale Workers:

01-18-20	12
01-19-20	7

Teardown Workers:

1-21-2020	12	Staff	5
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Number Customers: 654

Sale Total: \$600

Donations: \$125

New Memberships: 1

Renewed Membership: 1

Teardown Workers: 12 Staff 5