



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
23, July, 2012**

**The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 23, 2012 at the Twin Oaks Branch, 1800 S 5th Street in Austin, Texas**

**Chair Wendy Price Todd called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Wendy Price Todd, Vice Chair Ben Ornelas, Patricia Dabbert, Sharon Kahn, Peggy Pleasant, and Olga Wise

**Board Members Absent:**

**Staff in Attendance:** Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries; Toni Lambert, Assistant Director of Libraries; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager; Anita Fudell, Managing Librarian; David Spradling, Youth Services Manager; Heath Rezabek, Teen Coordinator; Kathleen Houlihan, Youth Program Librarian and Toni Grasso, Administrative Manager

**1. Citizen Communication: None**

**2. Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2012 Special Called Meeting**

**Motion to approve the minutes as written by Commission Member Dabbert and second by Commission Member Kahn passed on a 5-1-0 vote**

Those members voting aye were: Chair Price Todd, and Commission Members Dabbert, Kahn, Pleasant and Wise.

Other: Vice Chair Ben Ornelas abstained

**3. Introduction of Twin Oaks Branch Manager Anita Fudell**

The new Twin Oaks opened in August 2010. Circulation and the number of customers visiting have increased three-fold since the opening at the new location.

**4. Discussion: Capital Funding Campaign and Naming Opportunities for the New Central Library**

Tim Staley, Executive Director, Austin Public Library Friends Foundation presented information on how capital campaigns work. The campaign for the New Central Library will be announced two years before the grand opening, but the leadership gifts will have already been secured. The smaller scale giving will be opened to the general public and all levels of giving will be acknowledged.

**5. Presentation: Youth Services Programming**

David Spradling, Youth Services Manager, spoke about the Summer Reading Program and Storytime. Children earn a free book for every Summer Reading log they complete and turn in. Storytimes are offered year round. Over 50,000 youths and families attend youth programs every year.

Heath Rezabek, Teen Services Coordinator spoke about programs for tweens and teens. The Dell Connected Youth project, formerly Dell Wired for Youth, was launched in 2009. The

fourth annual YomiCon had over 1,000 attendees. The Dell Discovery Lab, which officially opened in May 2012, has been funded for another year.

Kathleen Houlihan, Youth Program Librarian, spoke about Literature Live performances that use puppets to bring stories to life. The Second Chance Books Program at the Gardner Betts Juvenile Center is a library program run by Youth Services that works with incarcerated youth.

**6. Old Business: None**

**7. New Business**

a. Branch Liaison Briefings

Vice Chair Ornelas announced that the City Of Austin's Mentor/Tutor Program will hold a recruiting program on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

b. Staff Briefings

1) Facilities Update: see Director's Report

2) The 60% Schematic Design will be presented to City Council on Thursday, September 27, 2012. The Library Commission presentation will be scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2012

3) The Budget public hearing is scheduled for August 23

**7. Future Agenda Items: None**

**Adjourn:** Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m. without objection.