

Minutes of Library Board Meeting – August 31st, 2016:

Minutes for July 27th 2016 meeting were read/approved.

Bills for end of August are due Tuesday, September 6th.

Library Negotiations were held with the Central Skagit team (2 Board members, their Library Director, and their Attorney were present), the City (the Mayor & City Supervisor), and the S-W Librarian, and S-W Board Member Mrs. Burke. The discussion was brief, but pointed. Several items were put forth by the Central Skagit Team's Attorney as being non-negotiable. The items included: the size and location of the new Main Library would be determined by the Central Skagit Board; the design would be developed, and finalized, by the Central Skagit Board; ownership of the building would be immediately assumed by the Central Skagit Board; & employment of present City staff would only be guaranteed for 6 months, before substantial evaluations would be required. After brief discussion, the Mayor requested that the Central Skagit Library Board possibly reconsider the size, location, and design of the building be made more flexible - to include City, and our Community's, input. The employment clause was accepted as stated; the transfer of ownership of the building is not possible until the City Bond would be paid off. The City cannot bond on a building that they do not own. At the conclusion of the bond, the ownership would be transferred to the Central Skagit Library District – but not before. The Negotiations will be on hold until such time as the Central Skagit Board comes to a final decision.

The next Book & Movie Night is Thursday, September 15th. It will be the movie "A Bone to Pick: an Aurora Teagarden Murder Mystery". The book series is by Charlaine Harris. The potluck begins at 5:30 pm, and the movie afterwards.

The Library is sponsoring a local author Book Talk on Tuesday, September 20th. The Author is from Anacortes, Joe Vitovec – and the Book is "Full Circle". The novel is semi-autobiographical, and takes place in the ruins of post-WWII Europe.

Skagit Reads launches in October. The chosen book is "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai. There will be events all thru the month, all free. The movie will be shown at the Lincoln Theatre on October 6th. Books, bookmarks, and discussion guides are available at all Skagit Libraries.

The Library had an unfortunate health scare at the Library including police, paramedics, etc. The man recovered from his overdose trauma, but the Library staff suffered repercussions as well.

The WA Early Learning Coalitions, and the Early Learning Public Library Partnership, are holding a state-wide meeting in Yakima in October. The Librarian will be attending.

The Library is starting a new Tween weekly activity for Math called Bedtime Math's Crazy 8 Club. The Library received a mini-grant and supplies to help supplement the program for ages 8 to 12.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th , 5:00 pm @ City Hall.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Resetar, Mrs. Ringhouse, Mr. Abrams

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