

Sweet Home Public Library
Library Advisory Board Minutes August 10, 2023

Present:

Charlene Adams
Eva Journey
Kels Hicks
Jamie Frick
Council Member Greg Mahler

Staff:

Megan Dazey
Kira Mikutaitis

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm

Report of the Librarian:

Director Dazey went over the submitted report.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Discussion about the Library now taking payment plans for out of city library fees. \$5 down payment. Cash/coin only. Renewal date starts on the day of first payment. Only one person in the household (except SHSD kids) can have a card until the full \$35 is paid, then all household residents may have a card. The card must be paid in full by the renewal date to renew for another year. You will have a limited card to only be able to check out 3 items at one time. If any item becomes long over due (30 days past the last renewal) then all checkouts will stop until the item is returned or paid for.

Director Dazey went over talking points for new library.

Library as a Third Space for Sweet Home. Most people have a first and second space where they spend most of their day. Home and work. But what about a third space to hangout, meet people and just be. Most spaces require that you spend money to be in them. Parks are great when the weather is good. But we all know that Oregon weather isn't the best all year. This is where the library can come in and offer a space for all people to just exist without expectation of spending money or even doing certain activities. Parents and caregivers can meet other parents and caregivers. Toddlers can meet other toddlers. Teens can just hangout and play games or read. Adults can meet others and discuss books or movies. Neighbors can get together to chat out of the weather. The Library is the heart of a thriving community. Partnerships with non-profits and for profits, EOC, Commercial kitchen space, housing Indoor/ outdoor space, teen space, kids area, sensory space, community space, small rooms for telehealth/interviews/school

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