

**EVERETT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

March 16, 2021

Board of Trustees: Deanna Dunkin Smith
Maureen Malley
Diane Belote
Rebecca Frevert

Library Staff: Abigail Cooley
Mindy Van Wingen
Emily Dagg

Guests: Lori Cummings
Judy Tuohy

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2021

Minutes were approved as submitted.

REVIEW EXPENDITURE REPORT

The City budget has a \$300,000 placeholder that we may tap into later as we add staff. Maureen asked whether the coffee shop will reopen. Abby replied yes, but likely not until fall or winter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

One Everett One Book

The Library partnered with the City of Everett, Everett Public Schools, WSU – Everett and Everett Community College. There were 499 live participants. Eileen Schnarr and Mindy Van Wingen hosted a “Stamped” book discussion for teens, facilitated by teacher-librarians from Everett Public Schools. Over 35 students from middle and high schools participated. Joyce Hansen and Kay Barnes (City of Everett Equity Manager) led a book discussion for adults. Rebecca asked what Abby took away from the experience and what she would do different. Abby replied that they will try to have a more balanced perspective and more partners. Judy suggested partnering with the Schack teen program.

ROADMAP TO RECOVERY – LIBRARY REOPENING UPDATE

The library reopened doors on March 2 for limited in-person service. Most customers are following safety measures. Snohomish County enters the next phase March 22, but library service will not expand at that time since we are not at 25% capacity yet. Abby highlighted the new checkout app and announced that the process for hiring back staff has begun. Maureen asked whether Summer Reading will happen. Youth Services will present the plan to the Board in May or June.

ADULT SERVICES ANNUAL UPDATE

Mindy shared adult services staff profiles and the various services they provide like the blog, Books For You (reader’s advisory based on what you read), technology access (Chromebooks and hotspots are coming, e-resources, etc.), adult programs, partnerships and the NW Room.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Maureen expressed gratitude to library staff for their creativity and resilience and acknowledged the importance of restoring public access.

ADJOURN

With a motion, second, and unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jodi Robin, Administrative Coordinator