



**City of Newport
Library Advisory Committee
May 24, 2016**

President:	Jo Bailey	Asst. to the City Admin:	Renee Eisenbeisz
Committee Member:	Nancy Wetsel	Council Liaison:	Dan Lund
Committee Member:	Beverly Bartl	Library & Community	
Committee Member:	Pam Geraghty	Center Coordinator:	Jamie Smith
Committee Member:	Corb Hopkins		

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Wetsel called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members present – Nancy Wetsel;

Board Members absent – Jo Bailey; Pam Geraghty; Beverly Bartl; Corb Hopkins

Also present – Jamie Smith, Library and Community Center Coordinator; Dan Lund, Council Liaison

3. SECRETARY’S REPORT

A. Minutes of the March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting

4. OLD BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

5. NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to report.

6. LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Jamie Smith – I was in communication with Anita Simonson over at the Elementary School, she’s a reading specialist. She sent home fliers for our PAWS program with her kids and it really worked well. We ended up with 13 kids and 7 adults that very next session. We had one more session after that on May 12 and no one came to that one so I don’t know if she didn’t send home a flier for that date or what. We have one more date coming up on June 2 at 6 and she’s going to send that one home to the kids for sure. We did a spring craft on April 2 where we made bunnies; no one came to that one. We had an ancestry.com internet genealogy class on Wednesday April 6. We had a reference librarian from a Woodbury Library come and do the glass class because she is their genealogy expert. We had 3 adults attend that. After the fact I had a guy that called in and wanted to talk to her so I gave him her contact info. We did an egg carton craft on the 23rd of April and we had 2 adults and 3 kids for that one. Just last week we did a knitting class on May 19th and we had 4 adults and one child come to that one. It was a beginner’s class, we are going to do a part II and anyone is welcome to come. We are going to schedule that for June 9 and we will provide everything. On Saturday, June 4 from 2 to 4 we have “pop beads” which snap together to make rings, bracelets, etc. We have our big legacy funded program Saturday, June

18th at 1 at the Elementary School. We coordinated with Washington County and we're bringing out Kevin Strauss, he's an award winning Minnesota author and story-teller, he comes from Rochester. He's going to do a program that's 50 minutes long on "northwoods tales" like why rabbits have long ears, why a bear lost its tail. It's just supposed to be kind of fun and educational at the same time. That's at the elementary school not the library at 1 pm on June 18.

Nancy Wetsel – Will we be promoting that before school's out or send a flier home?

Jamie Smith – A flier will be going home with every kid and they have 300 children at the school. June 30 from 6 to 7:30 I'm going to show robots and make popcorn. Our hours changed a little bit, on Wednesdays we were 12 to 8 and now we're 1 to 8. Our Sundays were 11 to 5 and now they're 1 to 5.

Nancy Wetsel – How about the traffic flow and daily use?

Jamie Smith – Zit's pretty good, I'd say we're picking up again. I think it's less busy right before school lets out. We average about 8 kids a day and the same number of adults, maybe more. We get a lot of computer usage and we have some regulars who borrow the books, movies, and games.

Nancy Wetsel – Are we still getting book donations and processing them when they come in?

Jamie Smith – Yeah it's random when those come, I got a flood of donations in early April, 4 in a couple weeks. I shifted our VHS collection and got rid of it and that opened up a whole panel of shelving. We got a lot more DVDs, people have been donating a lot of them lately. I'm looking for both children's and teen fiction to fill in those sections.

Nancy Wetsel – Could we ask for donations for the teen and children fiction?

Jamie Smith – Sure, we could do that.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Wetsel closed the meeting at 5:53 p.m.