

September 10, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Chair Stella Fong, Sue Bach, Cheryle Fisher, Bill Lamdin, Alex Martin, Bernard Rose; Bill Cochran, Library Director; Kathy Robins, Systems Administrator; Mary Murphrey, Administrative Coordinator; Leslie Modrow, Library Foundation Development Director, Guest: Cindy Patterson, Children's Librarian.

Public Comment

Cochran reported that the Mayor proclaimed the month of September as "Library Card Sign-up Month" at the City Council's September meeting.

Cochran noted that the Library received had just received honorable mention in *Library Journal's* 2015 New Landmark Library awards.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Approve the consent agenda.

Approved

Rose/Fisher

Chair's Comments

- a) Tattered Covers Exhibit Grand Opening – Bach updated the Board on the September 13 grand opening and tours of the exhibit.
- b) Wayne Wiegand Reading – Cochran invited the Board to attend the September 26 author visit by Wayne Wiegand. He noted that Mr. Wiegand will read from his new book *Part of our Lives: A People's History of the American Public Library*.
- c) Library Rededication – Fong invited the Board to attend the upcoming rededication of the Library scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, at 5:30 pm.
- d) Fisher noted that everything was on schedule for the High Plains Book Awards banquet scheduled for October 3.

State Library Library Development Study Task Force Letter

Cochran noted that he is serving as the Chair of the Library Development Study Task Force for the Montana State Library. He noted that a study is being conducted by the Task Force to determine libraries across the state priorities for the State Library's work and allocation of its resources. He encouraged the Board to complete the online survey.

Strategic Planning

Cochran noted that the Library will be collecting usage data for a full year to serve as a baseline for monitoring trends and impact of strategic initiatives. He noted that each month the Board will review a strategic plan or a community assessment from another Billings agency or organization to gather insight and perspectives that may influence the Library plan, and he reviewed the City of Billings strategic plan and outline the City's priority-based budgeting process.

He then reviewed Howard County (MD) Library System's strategic plan, as well as an article written by that library's President and CEO Valerie Gross titled, *Moving Up to First Class: Libraries = Education*.

Meet the staff: Cindy Patterson, Children's Librarian

Patterson gave a brief overview of her job duties and responsibilities.

Adjourned at 1:10 p.m.