



**THE LIBRARY COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
25, May, 2016**

The Library Commission convened in a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. in Austin, Texas.

Chair Patricia Dabbert called the Board Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Patricia Dabbert, Commission Members Roxanne Bogucka, Cindy Fisher, Emily Hersh, Scott MacLeod, Steven Self, Wendy Price Todd, and Lynne Wiggins

Board Members Absent: Vice Chair Chad Williams and Commission Member Aimee Finney

Staff in Attendance: Toni Lambert, Assistant Director for Public Services; John Gillum, Facilities Process Manager, and Sharon Herfurth, Library Division Manager

1. **Citizen Communication:** Deborah Pardo-Kaplan talked about the need for renovations at the Old Quarry Branch. Carlos Leon talked about access to newspapers at branches.
2. **Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2016 Regular Meeting**
The minutes from the meeting of April 27, 2016 were approved on Commission Member Hersh's motion, Commission Member Bogucka's second on an 8-0 vote. Vice Chair Williams and Commission Member Finney absent.
3. **Presentation: 2016 Summer Reading Program for Youth**
Patti Cook, Youth Services Programming Manager, Austin Public Library, gave a presentation about the youth programs, performances, and reading incentives planned for summer 2016.
4. **Old Business: Tour of Library Branches, June 18, 2016**
Library Commissioners will tour the Yarborough, North Village, and Milwood branches on June 18, 2016.
5. **New Business:**
 - a. **Selection of date for the June Commission Meeting**
June 15 will be the date for the June 2016 meeting.
 - b. **Update on services to those experiencing homelessness**
Sharon Herfurth, Division Manager, Office of Programs & Partnerships, reported on services to the homeless through the My Library Keeps Me Healthy Grant and programs such as writing workshops taught by contributors to the Challenger Street Newspaper.

c. Update on Library Staffing Levels

Toni Lambert, Assistant Director for Public Services described how staffing levels are determined at Austin Public Library.

6. Branch Liaison Briefings:

Chair Dabbert and Commission members Bogucka, Hersh, and Todd reported on their visits to Library branches, attendance at Library programs, and their work on collaborative programs with Austin Public Library.

7. Questions about Director's Report

Commission members asked if any renovations are planned for the Old Quarry Branch.

8. Announcements:

Austin Public Library Director Brenda Branch has been chosen as the 2016 inductee to the Austin Partners in Education Hall of Fame.

The Joint Cultural Commission hasn't yet met.

9. Future Agenda Items: follow up to Library Commission recommendation to Cap Metro

Adjourn: Chair Dabbert adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. without objection.