

**ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MEETING LOCATION**

Canyon Hills Branch Library  
400 S. Scout Trail  
Anaheim, CA 92807

**DATE/TIME**

June 10, 2024  
4:30 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER – The agenda having been posted on June 7, 2024; the regular meeting of the Anaheim Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Vice Chair Rose Chen at 4:39 p.m.

PRESENT: Rose Chen, Michelle Dang, Jackie Filbeck, Linda Newby, Elia Renteria-Garcia  
STAFF: Thomas Edelblute - Senior Library Services Manager, Nissa Perez-Montoya – Supervising Librarian, Jennifer Foxx – PT Management Assistant

**I. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION FROM OTHERS:**

- A. FRIENDS OF THE ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT: The May Book Sale made \$500.00. The next book sale is June 21, 2024, special books will be on sale for half-price. The Friends welcomed new Board Member Don Kay. On June 4, 2024, the Friends hosted a Friends of Libraries meeting for various Friends groups in the area to share ideas. They had 32 people in attendance including members of Friends groups from the Cities of La Habra, La Mirada, and Orange. The next meeting will be at the La Habra Public Library in the fall. Friends members are enjoying the Summer Reading Program and they will be encouraging and helping the Library to expand their prize offerings for adult participants. On July 13, 2024, Angels Baseball is hosting a fundraising night for the Friends, and on October 5<sup>th</sup> the Library will be hosting a celebration of the Friend's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of incorporation.
- B. FRIENDS OF THE CANYON HILLS LIBRARY: Their next flash sale is June 18-19, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and they will have their first-ever lawn sale on July 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. They now accept Zelle and it has proven to be very successful at their book sales. FOCAL has funded 10 books for book clubs at Canyon. They are thankful to their Board Officers for agreeing to serve another term through 2025.
- C. ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT: The next APLF Mystery Authors Luncheon will be Sunday, April 6, 2025, at the Sheraton at the Park Hotel. They have secured Gary Phillips, a local mystery and graphic novel author, for the panel. Suggestions for additional panel members are welcome and can be sent to Charlene Bowden at [cobowden@gmail.com](mailto:cobowden@gmail.com).
- D. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHERS: Thank you notes were shared from children who attended programs at Founders' Park and Mobile Library.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2024 MEETING: The minutes were approved as presented.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Anaheim Public Library Report to City Council on the condition of the libraries for Fiscal Year 2023/24 per ARTICLE IX. APPOINTIVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, Section 908: The Board will begin working with staff on the report to City Council in July.

V. INFORMATION

A. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

- Thomas shared that the Summer Reading Program has just started and has already exceeded last year's total participants.
- The check-outs for digital magazines and digital comics are up 18% over last year.

- B. BUDGET: The City Council Budget Workshop is scheduled for June 18, 2024.

VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS

- A. STATISTICS: None.

- B. ACTIVITY REPORTS: None.

- C. MONTHLY RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT/CERTIFICATE BY BOARD MEMBERS: None.

VII. BOARD ITEMS

MEMBER MICHELLE DANG: Appreciates the variety of programs that each APL Branch offers.

MEMBER ELIA RENTERIA-GARCIA: Requested that the new Library app include an option to have a digital library card.

MEMBER JACKIE FILBECK: Announced that AESD has named Jesus Chavarria as their new Superintendent.

VICE CHAIR ROSE CHEN: None.

CHAIR LINDA NEWBY: Appreciates that when she forgets her library card she can check out books without her library card by verifying personal information.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be July 8, 2024, at the Central Library.

- B. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Newby adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.