

Rainier Library Board Meeting

July 18, 2022

Rainier City Hall

9 a.m.

Chair Marcia Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Board Members present: Marcia Roberts, Kim Worrall, Brandy Blackburn and Tonya Higgins

Board Members absent: Jasmin Elwood

Staff present: W. Scott Jorgensen, City Administrator

Community Members present: Connie Budge and Lyle Roberts

Visitor Comments: Lyle Roberts said there has been poor attendance for the summer reading program. Chair Roberts said there were 46 sign ups, but only three participants. The program is almost to its halfway point. The board can reevaluate after the next reading event the following Thursday.

Consider Approval of Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the July 1, 2022 Library Board Meeting Minutes—Vice Chair Kim Worrell moved to approve the consent agenda. That motion was seconded by Tonya Higgins and adopted unanimously.

New Business

- a. Proposed Library Services Contract—City Administrator W. Scott Jorgensen presented the draft contract. It took parts of the City's current IGA with the school district, Jackson County's contract with a for-profit company and Josephine County's contract with a non-profit organization. Worrell said the dollar amount was left blank. Jorgensen said that portion will be filled in after council awards the bid to the contractor it selects. Councilor Connie Budge suggested that the contract could be shortened by referring to the portions of city code that discuss the library board's duties and responsibilities. There was some discussion about that. Chair Roberts asked to move the discussion about member terms further up on the agenda. Board members agreed by consensus.

Old Business

- a. Member Terms—Jorgensen said he had some notes about this. The current board was appointed in September 2021, so all the members are about one year into their terms. Katie Sturm resigned, so her position could be considered the one-year term. There was some discussion among board members about which terms they would prefer to serve. Jorgensen suggested tabling the matter until after council considers appointing the

applicant for the vacant position. Board members agreed by consensus.

New Business

- b. Library Website Update—Jorgensen said he asked the woman who updates the city’s website if she would be willing and able to maintain the library’s website. He was informed that she used to do that and still has a library page, it’s just inactive right now. If the board desires, he can have her re-activate it. The page used to have many of the elements that board member Brandy Blackburn wants to see on there. Once it’s reactivated, he can ask Rainier School District Superintendent Joseph Hattrick to deactivate the current website. Board members agreed by consensus.
- c. Community Needs Survey—Chair Roberts pointed out that most of the library’s service area is outside of the city limits. Most of the population it serves resides outside of the city. Blackburn said that nearly 85 percent of the persons active on the library’s Facebook page are women. Roberts said that much of the population served by the library live in small households. Blackburn said the library can be marketed as a socializing opportunity. Roberts said that the largest local employers are in the health care and paper products industries. Their employees tend to work 12-hour shifts. Jorgensen said that’s good for him to know. A survey can be included in the utility bills, but that would only reach people who reside in city limits. Gary Rice did a good job with the online survey that the city conducted for its parks committee. A similar online survey will have to be part of these efforts. He suggested that board members put together a list of questions they would like to see on a survey and bring them to the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Marcia Roberts – Board Chair

Allen Snider – Librarian

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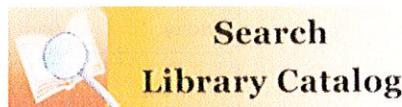
Welcome to the Rainier City Library!

Rainier City Library is open to the community. All Rainier residents can get a library card for free and do not need to live within city limits. Please see our [Library Policies](#) page for more information.

Our mission is to provide diverse learning opportunities to the Rainier community. Our friendly and professional staff is eager to serve you.

The library system holds over 11,000 materials including over 9,000 books, and 1,000 compact discs and books on cassette. Over 600 video and DVDs are also available.

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Computers with internet access are available to the public all hours we are open. WiFi is also available in the library or the lobby. There is no fee for computer or wifi use. Printing is 25¢ per page.



Location	106 West B Street
Librarian	Allen Snider (Read Bio)
Contact	503-556-7301 (City Hall)



Library Hours

Monday	closed
Tuesday	9am - 4:30pm
Wednesday	9am - 4:30pm
Thursday	9am - 4:30pm
Friday	9am - 4:30pm
Saturday	9am - 2:30pm
Sunday	closed

Get Involved!

We are always looking for volunteers to help us make our vision a reality. For volunteer opportunities, please contact the library directly.

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Programs for the library

Currently the library has no programs until the summer reading program begins.

Ideas for other programs

- Cultural passes
- Columbia county reads
- Teen book club 10 and up
- Kids book club 7-9
- Maker space- this would be something to work towards when the community room becomes available again, but could be started now and geared towards teens
- Could do a movie night in the council chambers if there is a projector and screen to encourage community involvement
- Adult book club
- Story time for Pre-school age
- Saturday story time for all children

Children area improvement ideas

- Bins with things to play with. Ex: view finders, legos, felt boards, lincoln logs, coloring pages, wooden trains with tracks.
- Computer for children to look up books on- small desk/chair and software for children search.
- Bigger table that older children can sit at.
- Children audio books and movies moved to children area so that there is better access to item's and not partially blocked if someone is using computer.
- Board books at a lower accessible height.
- Add taller book shelves to children's area and make a child size access to area.
- Audio books that have headphones and read along with child.
- More education based DVD's