

**ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 2, 2010**

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference Room of the Main Library at 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 02, 2010. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: John Williams (Chairman), Julie Barcroft, Stan Chapman, Dennis Regan, Ginna Sadler, and Joe Specht.

Board Members Absent: Robert Carleton (Vice Chairman), Debra Lillick, James Potts and Brian Scaf.

Others Attending: Ricki Brown (City Librarian), Mike Hall (Director of Community Services), Tony Neitzler (Assistant Director of Community Services) John Pecoraro (Big Country Library System Coordinator) and Kim St. Clair (Library Administrative Assistant II).

Media present: None

Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. a quorum was present. Dr. Williams asked for any corrections or changes to the minutes of September 14, 2010. The minutes were approved with John Williams, Julie Barcroft, Stan Chapman, Dennis Regan, Ginna Sadler, and Joe Specht accepting and no one opposing.

Ms. Brown began the Director's Report by handing out her Fall 2010 narrative. She also made the Board aware that there are smart phone apps available for most phones for the library catalogue. Information is available on Facebook, YouTube and the library's web sites. South Branch held an official launch of the RFID check out system with 101 people attending to view puppet programs and demonstrations of the system. MS. Brown then handed out a copy of the library's Collection Development Policy to refresh everyone's memory.

Ms. Sadler gave a brief Friends Report indicating that this will be her last one as she is rotating off the Friends Board. She highlighted the upcoming Annual Meeting to be held at noon on November 15<sup>th</sup> and will have Sonny West speaking and performing. The incoming Friends President will be Brad Burkett.

John Pecoraro gave the Board a presentation on the Big Country Library Systems unified catalog project. A statistical report was handed out to the Board. He outlined the history behind the project's inception that began due to an ILS system that is no longer sold or supported that was being used by many of the member libraries. He showed the website for the ILS system called Koha that was developed in New Zealand. Libraries can search for their materials on the Web, but no longer maintain separate stand alone servers for their collections. The collections are maintained by a third party vendor and librarians are able to conduct individual institution searches and reports about their circulation and collections. He reported that 20 libraries currently are participating and an additional five more libraries will be "going live" in the early part of next year.

Dr. Williams then concluded the meeting asking for a motion to adjourn. Dennis Regan provided the motion that was seconded by Ginna Sadler. All present voted unanimously to adjourn.

Dr. Williams reminded everyone that the next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, February 7th. The meeting was then called to adjourn at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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