

**MINUTES - DRAFT**

**City of Orange**

**Orange Public Library Board of Trustees**

October 21, 2024

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The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on October 21, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Rotary Room of the Orange Public Library & History Center, 407 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California 92866.

**1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Katie Montgomery led the flag salute.

**1.2 ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Huber, Calvert, Montgomery, Stevens, and Martinez

**Absent:** None

Trustee Stevens joined the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Orlene Burd, a Library volunteer, commented on her experience as a volunteer.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1. Approval of minutes of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2024.**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Huber, seconded by Trustee Montgomery, to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** Huber, Calvert, Montgomery, and Martinez

**Noes:** None

**Absent:** Stevens

**4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT**

Susie Huber reported the following on behalf of the Friends of the Orange Public Library ("Friends"):

- Updates on the bookstore, internet sales, and memberships.
- The Friends will gift an honorary lifetime membership to Tina Richards, editor of The Sentry newspaper.

- Updates on past and upcoming specialty book sales.
- The Friends are currently searching for a replacement vendor for book recycling.

## **5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT**

Lynn-Marie Frediani reported the following on behalf of the Orange Public Library Foundation (“Foundation”):

- Updates on Seed Lending Libraries at all three Library Branches.
- Updates on Foundation fundraising programs and events.
- Success of Little Free Libraries around the City.
- Foundation Board meetings will be affected by the proposed change in Library operating hours and will move from the second Monday of every month to the second Wednesday.

## **6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **6.1. Interim Library Services Director’s Report and Updates on Library Services**

Amy Harpster, Interim Library Services Director, provided a report on current events at the Library, including:

- Updates on Library staff and scheduling.
- Updates on proposed budget reductions.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and an update on current programs.
- An announcement of upcoming Library events and programs.
- Updates on building improvements.
- Updates on the Library as a voting center for the 2024 election.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - August 2024 and September 2024 reports were received and filed.

### **6.2. Financial Report Through September 2024**

The September 2024 Financial Report was received and filed.

## **7. BOARD REPORTS**

### **7.1 Reports from Chair**

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- A discussion if the Library Board of Trustees should review their mission statement and how the Board can encourage more public patronage for the Library.

Chair Martinez left the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Vice Chair Huber presided over the rest of the meeting.

**7.2 Reports from Trustees**

The Trustees had the following to report:

- Ukulele SOUP celebrated their 11th birthday.
- Trustees attended the Library’s Comic Convention event and praised the program’s volunteer and staff effort.
- Trustees expanded on Chair Martinez’s report and suggested attending school board meetings, parent-teacher association meetings, and to campaign directly to walkable schools surrounding Library branches.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of the Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rotary Room at the Orange Public Library & History Center.

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Amy Harpster  
Interim Library Services Director