

Lacey Library Board Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2015
Approved May 13, 2015

The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Holly Paxson, Library Manager, Helen Spalding, Suzanne Cofer, Sue Cordas, Marti Rutishauser, Scott Kankelborg, and Sarah Park. Cheryl Markham, President of the Friends of Lacey Library and Scott Spence, Lacey City Manager also were present.

1. **Announcements.** April 8 meeting is cancelled to encourage board attendance at the TRL Friends and Board Forum on Saturday, April 18. The next board meeting will be May 13.
2. **Approval of the Agenda.** Approved.
3. **Library Manager's Report.** See attached. The City of Lacey paid for the broken inside glass entry door.
4. **City Manager Scott Spence presentation of City Budget.** Scott asked for the board's views about installing **security cameras** at the entrance of the library. A brief discussion ensued. The board adopted a motion unanimously approving the installation.

2015 Budget. The state of Washington has a current **\$11 billion reduction in its budget since 2008-2009 great recession began.** The city's state shared revenues from the state **liquor tax** is under legislative scrutiny. There is legislative talk of sweeping them away. For the City of Lacey that would mean a \$500,000 potential shortfall in its budget. Traffic congestion in **I-5 corridor** is a being addressed in the current state budget. Lacey would like to see some state funding directed at the total cost of \$100 million anticipated expenditure for a new Exit 111 at Marvin Road. The Governor's

transportation request did not include the new interchange at Exit 111. The state senate did include \$72 million dollars in its transportation bill for Exit 111. However, it is unclear what the state house may do. Lacey hopes its request for a new interchange will be part of any final legislative transportation package. Otherwise, the city may have to wait over a decade for another opportunity to fund this interchange.

At a recent **JBLM Listening Session** the announcement that the **U.S. army may downsize** its current 470,000 active duty personnel to 420,000 personnel raised concerns about how that loss would affect the Lacey community. About 70 percent of the troops live off base and most of those troops and their families live in Lacey. By mid-summer or September the City will know.

Lacey city council created the **Woodland District** plan to bring new life to this part of the city. One of the ideas the council is considering is offering developers an eight year property tax exemption for building multi-family dwellings in the district and a 12 year exemption for construction of low-income residences.

The city is looking forward to the new SPSCC campus extension that anticipates 900 FT students, beginning in September 2015. The City is proud of its recent support for its significant veteran population. It is providing free rent for the site where veterans can petition for benefits. Thurston County veteran social services now is located in the same space and is opened three days a week on TWTh. Although the City has asked the federal department of veterans' affairs to pay the rent for this location, thus far, it has declined.

City utilities, including, water, wastewater, and storm water expenditures are expected to be \$56,385,105 for 2015. In the next six years, the City expects to expand its utilities' capacity and build further infrastructure.

Jobs per capita are low in Lacey compared with other nearby cities. The sales tax income in Lacey is low. The city council is working to encourage more retail business to increase its sales tax revenue. One idea is to develop the **Gateway project**. The city hopes to encourage a Lifestyle center in this area. The **Nisqually Tribe** owns a significant portion of property in this area. However, it is looking at other alternatives to yet another casino.

The City currently is working to develop a **six- year plan** that will be folded into its budget later this year. The plan is expected to guide the city in a pragmatic way, addressing the challenges the great recession and the state legislature has put before it like many other communities across this state.

The board viewed the draft version of a film, *I am From Lacey*. The board offered Scott feedback about how to improve it.

Holly reminded the board the library will be closed May 7 for its staff training.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Suzanne Cofer
Vice-Chair/Secretary

Friends of the Lacey Library
Library Manager's Report
Presented on March 30, 2015
For February 2015

Library News:

Lacey Loves to Read 2015 concluded with another successful program featuring children's author Kashmiri Sheth. Programs included a bookmark contest for all grades, a Teen Short Story contest, a classroom door decorating contest (the school with the winning entry received a pre-school visit Skype session in early February), an all-ages Bollywood program at the library, numerous school visits, and a community reception at the Lacey Community Center. For the second year, local businesses and organizations in the Lacey South Sound Chamber of Commerce supported Read Around Lacey, where children grades K-6 visited different businesses (and the library!) in Lacey to read aloud a short piece they wrote, and to hear from the business how reading and writing is important in their work. Many thanks to all the dedicated Friends of the Lacey Library who volunteered their time to be listeners during the two weeks R.A.L. took place, and to the generous support the Friends provide to make Lacey Loves to Read a success. Lacey Loves to Read is a wonderful program supporting literacy and reading in our community, and I'm so glad we get to be a part of it!

[Lacey is getting close to finishing our hiring, at least for the time being! We're excited to congratulate Hannah Taylor on her promotion to Adult Services Librarian, and to welcome Lacey Rader as our new Circulation Assistant, Jessica Hernandez as our new part-time multi-department Associate, and Kerry Martin as our new Adult Services Associate. Hannah, Lacey, & Jessica began their new positions in February, and Kerry will join the Lacey team on March 16th.](#)

Timberland News:

Adult Winter Reading wraps up Saturday March 14th, but TRL is still accepting submissions for Timberland Writes Together until March 31, 2015. Find out more at <http://www.trl.org/ProgramsResources/Pages/TRT15/TRT.aspx>

The 2014 Annual Report of Timberland Regional Library has been published and highlights many accomplishments throughout the year here at the District. It is available in print at all libraries and online at <http://www.trl.org/About/PressReleases/2014%20Annual%20Report.pdf>

Service Stories :

A woman came to the Information desk dressed in head-to-toe blue and green Seahawks gear. After apologizing for not being able to do it herself, she asked for help downloading and printing something online. It turned out that someone had just transferred a Seahawks playoff ticket to her email - a very rare, valuable commodity. The email warned that for security she only had one chance to print it out from the ticketing website. As we went

through the process, we ran into trouble! When she clicked on the save-and-print website button, nothing happened. As Hannah and I tried different troubleshooting ideas, I called Computer Services to have them take a look since I was worried that if we failed her ticket would be useless. As I was doing so, another patron saw what was going on and explained the two steps we had overlooked, and the small button in the lower corner we needed to click on. This advice saved the day, and the patron was so pleased she could come to the library to print out her Seahawks ticket for free.

Programming for February

Youth: **12** programs attended by **379** people

Adult: **8** programs attended by **125** people

Upcoming Programming/Events: March & April

Sat 3/14 2:00pm – Rube Goldberg Inspired Tinker-Machine Building

Wed 3/25 1:00pm - Movies @ the Library 'The Theory of Everything'

Mon 3/30 5:30pm – Special Session Lacey Library Board w/ City Manager Scott Spence

Tues 3/31 7:30pm – Live @ The Library: After-hours concert featuring Kevin Seconds & the Mona Reels

Wed 4/1 12:10pm - Lunch Aloud: A Story Time for Adults

Wed 4/8 7:30pm – “Toward a Natural Forest” Documentary & Discussion with author Jim Furnish & Evergreen’s Dylan Fischer on the future of our natural forests.

Thurs 4/16 5:00pm – Buying Your First Home

Sat 4/25 2:00pm – Flower Fold Accordion Book Workshop

Outreach for February:

Lib Mgr:

Participated in all-day workshop for Leadership Thurston County

Presented update to Lacey City Council on Library Services

Youth Services:

YS Librarian Raina visited Chinook, Komachin, Aspire, & Nisqually Middle schools throughout January & early February doing booktalks and promoting library services. She spoke to 2,811 students in total.

Library booth at South Sound High School Wellness Event saw 50 students.

Presented on library card application process to 20 North Thurston Teacher-Librarians.

Assisted Friends volunteers with two-week Read Around Lacey activity, saw 184 kids.

Assisted at Lacey Loves to Read Community Author Reception event attended by 200 people.

Adult Services:

2 one-hour adult computer tutoring sessions provided by adult services staff.

Circulation:

We checked out **61,270** items in February, a decrease of 4.6% over **February** of **2014**.

The library was visited by **27,666** patrons in **February**, a decrease of 4% over February of **2014**.

Building:

The HVAC coil that controls the heating/cooling in the meeting room has been replaced.

The glass interior lobby doors (broken during a patron incident on Saturday 2/21) were both replaced with safety glass panels on 3/11/15.

Submitted by Holly Paxson, Lacey Library Manager
3/11/15