



**AGENDA
WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER, 7105 WHITLEY ROAD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN'S OPEN FORUM

REPORTS FROM STAFF

1. Director's Monthly Report
Lana Ewell, Library Director/Staff Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of November 9, 2017 Regular Meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on proposed revision of Watauga Public Library's Vision Statement

NEW BUSINESS

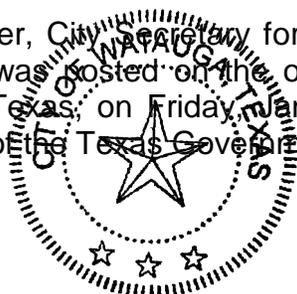
1. Discussion and action on proposed revision of Watauga Public Library's Material Selection Policy

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

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I, Zolaina R. Parker, City Secretary for the City of Watauga, Texas, do hereby certify that this agenda was posted on the official bulletin board at City Hall, 7105 Whitley Road, Watauga, Texas, on Friday, January 5, 2018 before 6:00 p.m., in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.





Zolaina R. Parker, City Secretary, TRMC

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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WATAUGA LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017
6:00 P.M.**

Members present:

Kip Woodruff	Chairperson
Henrietta Egenti	Vice-Chairperson
Mark Taylor	Member
Sharon Subjeck	Member
David Villafuerte	Member
Lori Murray	Member

and

Lana Ewell	Library Director
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with

Member Carol Coy, absent without notice.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Woodruff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

CITIZEN'S OPEN FORUM

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF

1. Director's Quarterly Report

Lana Ewell, Library Director provided the quarterly report and an update on upcoming events.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 14, 2017

Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 11, 2017 Regular Meeting. Vice-Chairperson Egenti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion and action on proposed revision of Watauga Public Library's Interlibrary Loan Policy

Chairperson Woodruff made a motion to accept the Watauga Public Library's Interlibrary Loan Policy. Vice-Chairperson Egenti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and action on proposed revision of Watauga Public Library's Mission Statement

Member Taylor made a motion to accept the 1st proposed statement as amended by Member Villafuerte. Vice-Chairperson Egenti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and action on proposed revision of Watauga Public Library's Vision Statement

Member Subjeck made a motion to have the item sent back to staff for a revision. Member Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion and action on proposed revision of Watauga Public Library's Values

Member Taylor made a motion to accept the proposed revision of the Watauga Public Library's Values as amended. Vice-Chairperson Egenti seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Woodruff adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

APPROVED: this ____ day of _____, 2018.

SIGNED: this ____ day of _____, 2018.

APPROVED:

Kip Woodruff, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Carol Coy, Secretary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS 1

Proposed Vision Statements

- 1) The Watauga Public Library shares a vision with the nation's founders that liberty and learning are inseparable and that a democratic people must have free, open, and equal access to information.
- 2) The Watauga Public Library will be a gateway to life-long learning, offering a full spectrum of services, materials and programs to educate, enrich and enlighten.
- 3) The Watauga Public Library will be the gathering place for the community to share ideas and interests, to discover and discuss new ideas, to encourage the love of reading and education and to develop new and lasting friendships.

NEW BUSINESS 1



Material Selection Policy

Policy Statement

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the consistent and orderly selection of materials and to inform the public of the principles used in making selection decisions. The material resources of Watauga Public Library will be collected, preserved, organized and disseminated according to the following principles, policies and criteria:

I. Principles

1. Final responsibility and authority for selection rests with the Library Director who will operate within the framework of this policy. Any library staff member who is involved in the selection process will operate under the delegated authority of the Library Director.
2. The Library will attempt to provide books and other materials on the basis of their informational, recreational, cultural and educational value for all members of the community it serves. No item is ever included or excluded merely because of the race, nationality, sexual orientation, gender or political or religious views of the author.
3. The Library holds that the selection of reading materials is a purely individual matter. Citizens are free to reject for themselves materials of which they do not approve, but no one can restrict the freedom of use and access for others.
4. Responsibility for children's reading rests with their parents and/or legal guardians. The Library and its associated authorities do not serve in loco parentis.
5. Selection of library books and other library materials will not be inhibited by the possibility that material may inadvertently come into the child's possession.
6. The presence of a book or other material in the Library does not indicate an endorsement of its contents by the Library.

7. The Library cannot take responsibility for ensuring that the intellectual content of materials is verifiable, right, true, or guaranteed to be harmless to members of the community.
8. No person will be denied the right of access to and use of material because of origin, race, age, gender, sexual orientation or religious/political views.
9. The principles of the freedom to read are reaffirmed in the selection and access to all library materials.
10. The library will support and uphold the principles contained in the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights, Freedom to Read, and Statement of Professional Ethics and the Texas Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Statement. These documents are a part of this selection policy and are included at the end of this policy.

II. Selection of Materials

1. It is the aim of Watauga Public Library to provide all citizens with a well-balanced collection of materials for interest and information. Materials acquired will meet high standards of quality in content, expression and format.
2. Selection includes both the decision to add materials to the collection and the decision to retain materials already included in the collection.
3. Selection is based on the merits of a work in relation to the needs and interests of the citizens of Watauga. Every effort will be made within the limitations of budgetary constraints and material availability to provide materials representing all points of view.
4. The Library will avoid unnecessary duplication of materials already included in the existing collection of materials or which are available elsewhere in the community.
5. The Library does not purchase textbooks.

6. Materials may be recommended for purchase by Watauga card holders and must meet the same criteria as any other material as stated in this policy.
7. All acquisitions, whether purchased or donated, will be considered in terms of the following criteria:
 - Contemporary significance or permanent value
 - Accuracy
 - Author's reputation and significance as a writer
 - Relation of work to existing collection
 - Scarcity of information in the subject area
 - Availability of material elsewhere in the area
 - Local interest
 - Reputation of publisher or producer
 - Appearance of title in reputable bibliographies and indexes
 - Potential of item to provide incentive to read
 - Historical value
 - Readability or visual appeal
 - Style
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 - Quality
 - Popular demand

III. Policy by Format

1. Audio-Visual Materials - AV materials will be selected using the same criteria as for books. In addition, non-book materials will also be judged on technical quality.
2. Periodicals - Periodicals will be selected that supplement the book collection, provide recreational reading, and provide the staff with sources of professional reading and book selection aids. The same criteria used to select books will be used to select periodicals with emphasis on community need, interest and current events.

3. Newspapers - Newspapers will be selected that provide a source of current news coverage, provide a source of recreational reading, meet community need, and provide a source of information on local history.
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 - Level of instruction required for efficient and effective use by library's users
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6. Equipment - Equipment is purchased by the library for special use, for library programming and for library staff use. The following criteria will be used to purchase equipment:
 - Quality of workmanship
 - Ease of operation
 - Durability
 - Ease of maintenance and repair

- Manufacturer's reputation
- Portability
- Approval of City IT department

IV. Gift and Memorial Policy

The selection of gifts shall be governed by the same principles and criteria used to select materials purchased for the Library. Gifts will be accepted on behalf of the Friends of Watauga Library that are determined to meet the purposes and needs of the Library in accordance with the Library's stated selection policy. The Library will not estimate the value of the material donated.

The use or disposition of all gift materials shall be at the discretion of the Library Director and his/her delegates. They will make the final decision on the acceptance, use or disposition of the gift.

The Library retains unconditional ownership of the gift. Conditions cannot be imposed on any gift after it has been accepted by the Library. The Library reserves the right to decide how the material will be displayed, housed and made accessible.

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