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Chair's Memo

January 31, 2023

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the Dallas City Council

Municipal Library Board FY 2021-2022 Annual Report

Through continued support from the Municipal Library Board, the Dallas Public Library (DPL) continued to fulfill its mission to strengthen communities by connecting people, inspiring curiosity, and advancing lives. Together with the Friends of the Dallas Public Library, the board urged the City Council and City Manager to increase funding as the unique circumstances of this year allowed.

During the past year, the Municipal Library Board supported and promoted essential Dallas Public Library programs, such as English Language Learning; S.M.A.R.T. Summer with Mayor Johnson; the Express Yourself! Youth Poetry competition; and selection of the Youth Poet Laureate; as well as; Continued primary role as serving as liaison between DPL and respective Council Member. Advocacy at public meetings.

The Board is uniquely positioned to gain insight into the inner workings of the Dallas Public Library; it has been such a rewarding experience to observe firsthand the impact of the Library's many life-changing services, programs, and efforts towards promoting equity in Dallas.

Here are some of the highlights from FY 2021-2022:

- With support from City Council, the Library piloted a new program at five branch locations offering Enhanced Library Card's which feature the card holder's photo, address and birthdate. Additional funding was also approved for FY 2023 to increase availability of this program to all Library locations
- Through ongoing advocacy and support from the Library Board, the Library received an increased budget to extended hours at 15 locations
- The first-ever poet laureate and youth poet laureate for Dallas named with the commitment to grow literacy awareness through culture

As chair, it has been my honor to lead the Municipal Library Board in empowering the Dallas Public Library through advocacy and participation in its various programs and services to the Dallas community. The Board values tremendously the support the Mayor and Council have given to the Dallas Public Library.

The annual report includes the FY 2021-2022 completed Goals and Objectives, as well as Goals for FY 2022-2023. Please contact me at ahilburn8814@att.net for more information in regard to this report or the Board's work.

Sincerely,



Dr. Andrea Hilburn, Chair
Municipal Library Board

Cc: T.C. Broadnax, City Manager
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Mary Jo Giudice, Director of Libraries

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Municipal Library Board Members

Board Member	Council Member	District
Lewis Giles	Chad West	1
Darlene Schneider	Jesse Moreno	2
Dr. Andrea Leverett Hilburn	Casey Thomas	3
Xavier Allen Henderson	Carolyn King Arnold	4
Vacant	Jaime Resendez	5
Susanna Brown	Omar Narvaez	6
Lisa Jenkins Watson	Adam Bazaldua	7
Vacant	Tennell Atkins	8
Patrick O'Brien	Paula C. Blackmon	9
Patti Clapp	Adam McGough	10
Sandy Stephens	Jaynie Schultz	11
Jandis Price	Cara Mendelsohn	12
Anne Harding	Gay Donnell Willis	13
Donna Denison	Paul Ridley	14
Thomas Perryman	Mayor Eric Johnson	At Large

Mission Statement

Municipal Library Board

In accordance with Dallas City Code, the Municipal Library Board is charged with advising the Mayor and City Council, the City Manager, and the Director of Libraries on matters related to library operations and services. The Board also assumes a supportive role through its promotion of the Library and its programs.

Dallas Public Library

The Dallas Public Library strengthens communities by connecting people, inspiring curiosity and advancing lives.

FY 2022 Objectives and Accomplishments

In keeping with its mission, the Municipal Library Board:

- ✓ Continued to promote Library services that meet the needs of Dallas residents through the lens of equity
- ✓ Advocated for restoration of Library budget when economically feasible to expand hours and increase materials budget services back to pre-COVID levels
- ✓ Advocated to maintain funding for Library services
- ✓ Continued to leverage technology to enhance Library services and operations, specifically as it relates to the request for expansion of digital access through the E-Rate program and its services
- ✓ Worked alongside Library Director to modify the Dallas City Code where necessary in order to make library services more equitable and accessible to residents in Dallas
- ✓ Supported the development and deployment of a new website
- ✓ Supported the establishment of a new Strategic and Facilities Master Plan in preparation for the 2024 Bond Program
- ✓ Collectively developed a new informative and educational Board Orientation packet
- ✓ Ensured appropriate directional road signage along main thoroughfares that identifies a branch library's approximate location
- ✓ Worked more closely with the Friends of the Dallas Public Library and their efforts to support programs and goals established by the Dallas Public Library
- ✓ Maintained communication with the Council Members as it relates to support and needs of the Library
- ✓ Supported and promoted Library accomplishments

FY 2023 Proposed Objectives and Accomplishments

Board Expectations:

- Email monthly reports as provided by library staff
- Schedule quarterly meetings with Council Members to share DPL updates relevant to their District
- Explore partnerships with other Boards, Commissions, City Departments and other Agencies that share mission and/or vision of MLB and DPL
- Communicate with branch managers to gather news and coordinate with Library Director if specific needs are identified
- Partner and streamline efforts with Friends of DPL, Inc.
- Be aware of branch Friends groups and encourage participation in Friends Alliance
- Attendance at Board Meetings and participation in the committee of your choice
- Basic knowledge of Library policies

In keeping with its mission, the Municipal Library Board will:

- Continue to promote Library services such as, unique and rare collections at the Central Library and community-based programming, that meet the needs of Dallas residents through the lens of equity
- Advocate for restoration of Library budget when economically feasible to expand hours and services back to pre-COVID levels
- Commit to protecting and enhancing the Library's budget to its fullest extent
- Continue to leverage technology to enhance Library services and operations, specifically as it relates to the request for expansion of digital access through the E-Rate program and its services
- Support the completion and implementation of the new Facilities and Strategic Master Plan
- Work alongside Library Director to modify the Dallas City Code where necessary in order to make library services more equitable and accessible to residents in Dallas
- Support the development and deployment of a new website
- Work more closely with the Friends of the Dallas Public Library and their efforts to support programs and goals established by the Dallas Public Library
- Maintain communication with the Council Members as it relates to support and needs of the Library
- Support and promote Library accomplishments