Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Jacqulyn Dudasko at 5:48 PM.

Item 1 – Citizen Comments on Items Listed on the Agenda: Residents are invited to address the board for three (3) minutes on items that are listed on the agenda. There were 3 members of the public in attendance to speak of their concerns with the library’s choice of material included in the PRIDE displays showcased at all locations.

- Monica Ashour, 948 Blaylock Cir., Irving, TX
- Viki Norman, 1015 N Sleepy Hollow Dr., Irving, TX
- Timothy Norman, 1015 N Sleepy Hollow Dr., Irving, TX

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes: Kaye Hickox made a motion to approve the May 24, 2021 minutes. Vidhya Seran seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Item 3 - Board President’s Report: Jacqulyn Dudasko had nothing to report.

Item 4 – Council Liaison Report: Councilman Oscar Ward handed out cards listing “Frequently Called” city numbers such as Library Administration and the number to report potholes that need to be repaired.
Olympic Day occurred June 25th-June 26th. This event included an Olympic Day Run, sports tournaments, exhibitions, music, and educational seminars. This event seems to not only be well received, but a wonderful opportunity for economic growth for Irving.

In celebration of Independence Day, Irving will have a parade on July 3rd through downtown Irving and on July 4th there will be live music and fireworks at Levy Event Plaza.

Councilman Ward also stated that the City Council is reviewing the city budget for the next fiscal year.

**Item 5- Friends of the Library:** Kaye Hickox reported the following:

*Volunteer and Membership Activity*
- Several teens, many from Nimitz High School, volunteered during the June 2021 annual book sale. The board decided to award honorary memberships to student volunteers.
- New memberships and renewals increased by 43 during the annual sale.

*Fund Raising*
- Book sales at the annual June event totaled almost $5000 which matches previous averages.
- First Wednesday member sales will resume in August. The first one is scheduled for August 4th from 1-3 p.m.
- The Friends will hold a Saturday sale on August 14th from 10am-3pm, however shopping between 10am to 1pm will be reserved for teachers only. Throughout this time, there will be drawings for “Book bucks” gift certificates in various denominations and possibly the opportunity to sign up for a library card. This service has been offered at past teacher sales. The sale will open to the public from 1-3 p.m. The Friends are requesting the board’s help to spread the word of this event.
- Since the Friends have a large amount of children’s books, each library location has a cart of these books and is offering them for sale at 4/$1 during summer reading.

*Upcoming Events*
- The Holiday sale is scheduled for November 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Councilman Ward asked about the process to donate material to the Friends. Kaye responded that all libraries are once again accepting donations, but appointments can be made on their website for a large donation.

**Item 6 – Consideration of approval of revisions to the Children in the Library Policy**

Cary Siegfried reported that there were no changes to report and that the final copy has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s office. Tiffany Heeg made a motion to approve the revisions to the Children in the Library Policy. Kevin Harbin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the policy.
Item 7 – Consideration of approval of revisions to the Gifts, Memorials and Donations Policy
Cary Siegfried reported that there were no changes to report and that the final copy has been reviewed by the City Attorney’s office. Kevin Harbin made a motion to approve the revisions to the Gifts, Memorials and Donations Policy. Vidhya Seran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the policy.

Item 8 – Library Exhibits Selection Process
Cary Siegfried reported the following:

- Cary gave a brief overview of the exhibit/display selection process. The focus of the display is to draw attention to certain topics and merchandise the collection to increase turnover. Additionally, the library works closely with the City of Irving’s diversity and inclusion initiative. As a part of that, the library plans exhibits to call attention to different holidays, celebrations, special interests, and themes that appeal to readers from different cultures, religions, and community groups. Each library will have a display of the chosen topic. Some examples of past displays include: Pride Month, African-American History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Asian-American History Month, Women’s History Month, and Juneteenth. Other more informal exhibits could include seasonal or programming themes. During the allotted display time, the library will often have a virtual display to correspond with the in-house exhibit. The library does hope to coordinate the plans for these exhibits more efficiently between the branch libraries to ensure that all branches can organize their displays accordingly.

- The revised Exhibit Space for Public Use Policy is soon to be finalized, but a staff exhibit policy is not in development. Staff are considering the possibility of creating one. Cary asked for feedback.
  - Councilman Ward asked who choses which items to display. The book pointed out at the beginning of the meeting, “Jack of Hearts (and other parts)”, seems like it shouldn’t have been on display. The board wanted to know if the book in question, was actually on display.
  - Board members stated that the library should be hesitant to censor and remove material based on feedback received, but instead review the subject matter to see if it should be reclassified and moved to the another section.
  - The board questioned how books are classified as Young Adult. Cary stated that young adult readers often range from age 13 to 25, but generally are written for readers between 14 to 18 years old. Books selected for purchase are reviewed in professional review media and reviewers are generally librarians, teachers and subject experts.
  - Many board members pointed out that ultimately the responsibility of what minors are reading falls to the parent and not the library.
  - The board wondered if other local libraries have Pride displays and if they had a policy for staff regarding the Exhibit Selection Process.
Item 9 – Director’s Report and Library Operations Updates: Cary Siegfried reported the following:

- Cary went through the statistics packet and noted that the number of active users is rising. Valley Ranch Library’s numbers are back to 2019’s, pre-COVID numbers, but West Library and South Library are closer to 2/3 of 2019 numbers.
- The Outreach team placed door hangers in the neighborhood surrounding the South Library advertising library hours and current programs in hopes to bring customers in. If the door hanger is brought in, it can be exchanged for a free pencil. Story Time programs will resume in libraries starting in mid to late August once school is back in session. Book clubs and other adult programming will also be resuming in person.
- Summer Reading Challenge is underway. Registration numbers are estimated at 1500 children, 80 babies, 500-600 adults, and about 400 teens. These numbers are higher than library staff expected. This year there are lots of ways to complete the reading log and it appears as though all avenues are being explored.
- Library staff are currently working through the budget for next year and an update will be presented at the July Library Board meeting.

Item 10 – Review of Public Input on Library Operations and Programs: The packet for this meeting includes emails received by the mayor, city council, and library staff. The content of these emails mirrored the comments given during the citizen comments portion of this meeting. These residents were voicing their concerns on the displays for PRIDE month which include items that celebrate and offer support on LGBTQ+ issues.

Item 11 – Items for Future Agenda:

- Consideration of approval of revisions to the Exhibit Space for Public Use Policy – July or possibly August
- Update on Library’s FY2021/22 Budget
- Update on the submitted Request for Reconsideration for “Jack of Hearts (and other parts)”

Item 12 – Report on Makerspace / Digital Creation Space – Ben Toon gave an update on the two new Makerspace / Digital Creation spaces located at the South Library and the Valley Ranch Library. In total, 15 staff members have been trained on the different technologies and equipment located inside in the Makerspaces. 18 tours were completed since opening these spaces 2 days ago. These tours were meet with a large amount of excitement. The library is intending to announce the opening of these space at a later date. The hours for the Makerspaces have been set for the first 6 months, however traffic patterns are being tracked to see if any changes need to be made. Many classes will be offered starting in August such as Sewing machine basics, 3D printing, Tinkercad for 3D printing, Podcasting Basics, DIY Geek-Chic for Teens programs, Make & Take programs, and possibly classes for Audio Production. If a
customer wishes to use these spaces, a library card must be presented, a 30-minute orientation must be completed, and a waiver must be signed.

Item 13 – Tour of the South Library Makerspace at 601 Schulze Dr., Irving Texas 75060 – Ben gave a brief tour of the South Library’s Makerspace.

Adjournment: Jacquelyn Dudasko adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.