

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
LIBRARY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Chairman—Chad Scott (MBR 7)

Vice Chair—Michelle Dempsey (MBR 2)

MBR1—Nancy Bertels

MBR3—Aaron Malone

MBR4—Dorothy Denison

MBR5—Erik Palin

MBR6—Susan Hillman

ALT1—Camilla (Nan) Potts

ALT2—Sally Pollen



MEETING MINUTES

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350 EAST DAHLIA AVE, PALMER

REGULAR MEETING

5:00 PM

February 10, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Called to order at 5:00 pm

II. ROLL CALL

A. Present: Chad Scott, Michelle Dempsey, Nancy Bertels, Aaron Malone, Dorothy Denison, Camilla Potts, Sally Pollen (both alternates voting)

B. Absent: Susan Hillman, Erik Palin

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Agenda approved unanimously

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Mr. Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. October 14, 2024 – Ms. Potts moved to approve the previous meetings minutes, unanimous consent

VI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Jillian Morrissey – Community Development Director – Ms. Morrissey read aloud the final decision made on the book “Forever”. It will remain in the YA section of the libraries.

B. Hugh Leslie – Recreational & Library Services Manager – Mr. Leslie let the committee know there is 1 book on the list for review if chosen. Reminded the committee to respond to meeting emails to establish quorums for meetings.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – (2 Minutes Per Person)

- A. Linda Spohn – Ms. Spohn expressed disappointment with the committee votes on “Forever”.
- B. Mary Robinson – Ms. Robinson spoke about Holocaust Remembrance Day.
- C. Jackie Goforth – Ms. Goforth spoke about the books currently in the queue.
- D. Kathy Kysar – Ms. Kysar spoke about the next book available to be reviewed by the committee.
- E. Dee McKee – Ms. McKee spoke about the book checkout process and book orders.
- F. Mary Ravetta – Ms. Ravetta spoke of addiction struggles, especially for kids.
- G. Jeanne Troshynski – Ms. Troshynski spoke of freedom of choice at the public libraries.
- H. Karen Crandall – Ms. Crandall spoke about the Rose Group strategic plan meetings and surveys.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

- 1. Damsel; Elana K. Arnold ISBN 978-0-06-274232-2
 - 4 votes to remove from the libraries (Pollen, Potts, Scott, Malone)
 - 3 votes to reshelve to the adult section (Bertels, Dempsey, Denison)
- 2. The Haters; Jesse Andrews ISBN 978-1-4197-2018-9
 - 5 votes to remove from the libraries (Pollen, Malone, Denison, Scott, Dempsey)
 - 1 vote to reshelve to the adult section (Potts)
 - 1 vote to leave it where it is (Bertels)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Materials Submitted for Reconsideration

- 1. Anne Frank’s Diary: The Graphic Adaptation ISBN 978-0241978641
 - Mr. Scott called the vote to review – 6 votes for yes, 1 vote for no

X. NEXT MEETING

- A. March 10, 2025 – accepted unanimously

XI. MEMBERS, STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Sally Pollen – Ms. Pollen thanked the audience for their attendance. Spoke about author awards and relevance.
- B. Camilla Potts – Ms. Potts spoke about library notifications.
- C. Chad Scott – Mr. Scott spoke about movie ratings and how it may be relayed to literature.
- D. Michelle Dempsey – Ms. Dempsey spoke about parental responsibility with regards to monitoring children’s book choices.
- E. Nancy Bertels – Ms. Bertels spoke about how library card applications work and what is regarded as YA.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm

X 
Chad Scott - Chair

X 3-10-25
Date

ATTEST:

X 
Sarah Thomas - Staff Support

X 3.10.25
Date