



Library Advisory Board  
February 7, 2023

President Danny Parker called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm in the large meeting room. Others in attendance included Beth Walker, Andrew Davidson, Susan Dade, Linda Barnett, Sandy Schuetz, Kaity Hirst, Rae Aaron, head librarian Valerie Martin, and city clerk Summer Valverde.

The **secretary's report** was approved as read. Linda/Beth

**Friends of the Library Report** – Beth

We worked a total of 42 hours for the month of January. Linda presented our newest fund raiser, a tote bag with the Peter Hurd mural on it with the words “Artesia Public Library” underneath it. We will have our winter book sale on Friday, February 10 from 9:30 am till 5:30 pm, and Saturday, February 11 from 10 am till 2 pm.

**Librarian's Report** – Valerie

- Children's program attendance for the month was 336, which was outstanding for 3 weeks.
- The Greater Artesia Foundation requested proposal of library items or projects to expend \$10,336.37.
  - 23 STEAM to GO kits for checkout by children
  - 7 iPads for new Sphero STEM Center robots with 7 Otterbox cases
  - 3 MacBook Pro Laptops for Study Rooms to replace 9-year-old laptops.
  - 15 Replacement seat pads for promenade chairs.
- We have been given permission by the City of Artesia to lower the educational requirements for Librarian positions which should help us get the library fully staffed.
- Omar Acosta has been promoted to Technical Services Librarian.
- Renewing our Erate Category I internet grant. PVT will help us with this and we will go from 40mb to 500mb internet at lower cost/month.

See the full report for more information.

**Old Business**

We will continue putting Artesia Public Library Board By-laws and the 10th anniversary (3/1/24) under this topic.

No new business, so the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm. Next meeting will be March 7, 2023, at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Schuetz, Secretary