

SALADO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
4:00 pm  
June 22, 2015

Salado Public Library  
1151 N Main St  
Salado, Texas 76571

1. Declaration of quorum and call to order: Meeting opened at 4:00 pm with Connie Cryar, Diane Hodyniak, Bill Kinnison, Jeanie Lively, Maurine Nathanson and Sara Pettijohn present. Visiting was Kristin Southerden.
2. Public Forum (limited to five minutes per speaker): Kristin Southerden presented six questions for the Board, a pie chart she had created for budget purposes, and a proposal to fund ABC Mouse vouchers for Salado Family Relief Fund Support. See Attachment 1.
3. Secretary's Report and reading of amended agenda for 5/26: Minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous consensus of the Board.
4. Treasurer's Report: See Attachment 2.
5. Library Director's report: See Attachment 3.
6. Discussion/approval of updated Salado Public Library District Policies: The three changes to the policies were approved by consensus of the Board. See Attachment 4.
7. Friends of the Library Report: The Friends did not meet this month.
8. Agenda items for July Board Meeting: Mid-year Library Director review; Investment Policy & Strategy Document review, update and approval; and discuss Salado Family Relief Fund Proposal.
9. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 4:24 pm.

Submitted by Connie Cryar, June 27, 2015.

We reserve the right to adjourn to executive session during meeting. Next meeting: July 27, 2015, 4:00 pm.

**Proposal for SPL Board Meeting to be held 22JUN15**

I would like to propose that funds be allocated in the 2015-16 budget to **"Salado Family Relief Fund Support"** with the intent to donate software subscriptions to pre-school, kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade children.

The donation would provide access in the form of vouchers to the **abcmouse.com** educational content (or equivalent), to include library-based personnel to provide guidance to the children while accessing the web site in a social setting at library computer stations. Up to 3 children plus an adult may be registered to one account. The cost of a subscription is \$7.95/month. This proposal is that 1-month subscriptions are provided to an estimated 75 families who will participate in the Salado Family Relief Fund "Back to School" project this August 2015. The cost of this proposal is approximately \$600 plus the volunteer time to familiarize the children with the web site and support their exploration. Costs will only be incurred as vouchers are redeemed.

It appears this would be most appropriately allocated in the 6313 line item, or to add a new line item numbered between 6650 and 6680. I respectfully ask for your consideration of this proposal and would be happy to facilitate discussions amongst the SPL and the Salado Family Relief Fund board members.

Kind regards,  
Kristin Southerden  
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254/231-6400

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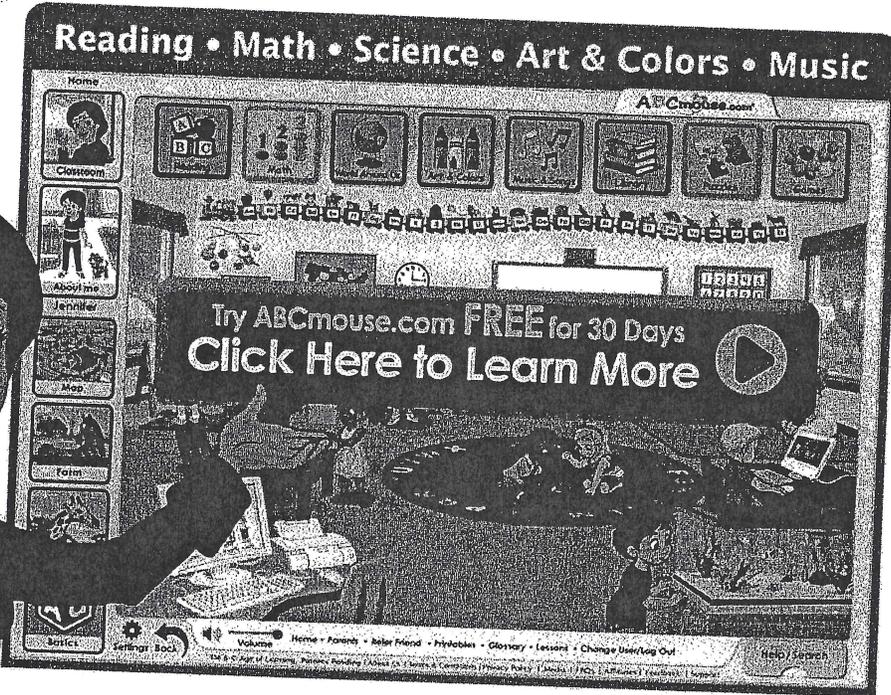
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### Who created ABCmouse.com?

ABCMouse.com was created by [Age of Learning](#), a leading education technology company focused on early learning excellence. The Age of Learning team developing ABCmouse.com includes nationally recognized [early childhood learning experts](#), a talented staff of creative artists, writers, designers, programmers, and musicians, and a management team with many years of successful experience in the design and operation of children's websites. To learn more, visit [AgeofLearning.com](#) or the ABCmouse.com [About Us](#) page.

### What's special about ABCmouse.com?

ABCMouse.com offers a depth and breadth of educational content for early learners never before seen in one location on the web, with more than 5,000 individual learning activities and more than 450 lesson plans. Developed in close collaboration with nationally recognized early childhood education experts, our curriculum includes all of the important academic basics that young children need to know to be successful in preschool, pre-k, and kindergarten classes.

But there's more. Because we understand that children learn in different ways, our curriculum includes six different types of activities:

- Children's Books
- Children's Songs
- Games
- Puzzles
- Art Activities
- Printables

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### What exactly does ABCmouse.com teach?

ABCMouse.com comprehensive curriculum includes these preschool, pre-k, and kindergarten subjects:

- Reading (the alphabet, phonics, sight words, children's books)
- Math (numbers, shapes, patterns, measurement)
- The World Around Us (basic science and social studies)
- Art and Music (drawing and coloring, tracing, paint-by-numbers, children's songs, and more)

### What is meant by "Step-by-Step Learning Path," "Guided Learning," and "Independent Learning"?

ABCMouse.com offers three ways to teach and learn: the Step-by-Step Learning Path, Guided Learning, and Independent Learning.

The **Step-by-Step Learning Path** consists of six levels, so that children of any age can start out at the level that is most appropriate for them. Each level includes between 40 and 60 lessons in reading, math, science, social studies, and art and music.

On the Step-by-Step Learning Path, children are guided from one lesson to the next, earning rewards for each activity and lesson that they complete, as they learn the important educational basics they will need to be successful.

In **Guided Learning** mode, you can use ABCmouse.com's powerful Lesson Builder feature to select activities with specific educational objectives to build customized lessons for students or learning groups.

**Independent Learning** gives your students the freedom to choose their own books and other learning activities in areas of the website such as the Classroom, the Library, and the Zoo.

### What kinds of online education activities for children will I find at ABCmouse.com?

ABCMouse.com offers the largest collection of online education activities for young children on the web. These include:

- More than 350 online children's books
- More than 250 online children's songs
- More than 800 online children's art activities, including online coloring and online paint-by-numbers activities
- More than 550 online educational games for children, including online phonics games, online number games and other online math games
- More than 750 online children's puzzles
- More than 1,500 printables

### How can I see my child's progress on ABCmouse.com?

**Treasurer's Report**

**June 22, 2015**

submitted by Sara Pettijohn

Checking Account	Balance
Balance Sheet as of	
May 31, 2015	41,684.83
Current FSB Acct (6/19)	63,429.84

Sales Tax Revenue	Income	% Change
June 2015	21,917.99	-2.6%
June 2014	22,512.44	
<i>Period: Jan. thru June</i>		% Change
Cumulative for 2015	140,639.99	-2.1%
Cumulative for 2014	143,597.75	

Expenses: Sept. thru May	
Total Expenses YTD	180,661.85
Estimated Expenses YTD	187,793.70
Over/Under Budget	under
Amount (over/under)	7,131.85
% of Budget Spent	72.3%
Fiscal Year Budget	249,919.74

CD Investments	Current	Rate	Matures
FSB (#100134661)	175,599.07	1%	Nov. 8, 2015
TEXPOOL	10,185.23	0.06%	n/a
Compass (6717756132)	42,994.54	1.25%	Mar. 26, 2016
Compass (6721859930)	25,089.91	1.45%	May 1, 2017
<b>Total Investment</b>	<b>253,868.75</b>		

## Library Director's Report June 2015

### 1. May Statistics

	May 2015	May 2014
Circulation	3301	3320
Electronic Materials	228	188
New Patrons	29	37
Computer Users	350	464

New Materials	Adult Books: 58
	DVDs: 18
	Audio Books: 19
	YA Books: 3
	YA DVD: 2
	Children/Youth Books: 30

### Recent Activities:

**Summer Reading:** Our Summer Reading program has been going so well. We have had two children's sessions with great attendance. 195 people attended the program with Austin Reptile Shows and 165 attended the program presented by Wild Things Zoofari. Children and their parents learned about snakes, tortoises, lizards, lemurs, chinchillas, piglets and other animals and reptiles. They also had the chance to pet a wallaby and a boa constrictor. It has been a lot of fun.

**Tweens and Teens Summer Reading:** We have also launched the teen summer reading program. Their theme this year is *Unmask!* Seven people met to create superhero bleached t-shirts. We also introduced our scratch-off ticket contest. In this contest teens are given a scratch-off ticket whenever they attend an event or check out a book. The winning tickets get to choose their prize out of a bag at the front desk. The losing tickets are entered into a drawing for a grand prize at the end of the contest. So far 22 readers have participated in the contest.

**Lego Club:** Our popular Lego club started meeting this month as well. We have had two sessions so far. The attendance is slowly building. Our first session had two children and the second session had 6 children attend. Word is starting to get around so we expect more children as the summer progresses

**Chocolate Workshop:** Letta Meinen presented a chocolate workshop in preparation for the Death By Chocolate contest. She talked about the history of chocolate, the different kinds of chocolate available and how to work with each of them. Eight participants sampled various chocolates and discussed the differences between each one. They also received a portfolio with information and recipes. Letta took the time to talk about the contest and what people need to know if they enter.

## **Upcoming Activities:**

Please look at the attached Calendar for all upcoming events.

**Summer Reading:** We have two more children's summer reading events on June 24 and June 29. They will be at the Thomas Arnold Elementary Gym.

Teen summer reading activities will continue through July. Who Wants to be a Superhero? will be presented July 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Jarrett Crippen, a detective with the Austin Police Department, was a contestant and the winner in the second season of this SciFi Network reality show. He will be here to talk about the series and what it takes to be a superhero. All ages are welcome.

## SALADO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT POLICIES

Revision 6/11/2015

### I. CIRCULATION POLICY

1. Each patron is allowed to have ten items checked out at one time, that number may include two each of DVD and VHS movies. However, a first-time patron may only check out two items, one of which may be a movie.
2. New books, those marked with a new book sticker, have a circulation period of two weeks (fourteen days). Books will be designated as “NEW” for six months. All other books, audio books, and magazines have a circulation period of three weeks (twenty-one days). Movies have a circulation period of one week (seven days). The most recent issue of each magazine may not circulate.
3. All materials may be renewed one time unless another patron has placed a hold on the item.
4. Library cards may be issued to patrons three years or older.
5. Overdue fines are \$.05 cents per day for books and audio books and \$.25 cents per day for movies. There is a one day grace period on overdue materials.
6. Patrons will not be allowed to check out materials or use Interlibrary Loan Services if they:
  - owe \$5.00 or more in unpaid fines, or
  - have any unpaid fines three months old or older, or
  - have any overdue materials
7. Lost or heavily damaged items must be paid for within three months of due date.

### II. PATRON BEHAVIOR

#### A. General

1. Disruptive or offensive behavior will not be tolerated; patrons exhibiting such will be asked to leave and may be denied library privileges for up to six months.
2. Patrons shall not deface, damage, or destroy library materials or property.
3. Sleeping in the library is not permitted.
4. Use of cell phones inside the library is permitted with the exception of the Quiet Study Area in the back of the library.
5. Persons are not allowed to consume food or beverages in the library other than foods and beverages provided by the library.
6. Smoking is not permitted on library premises.

#### B. Children

1. Children seven years old or under must be supervised by a parent or responsible attendant and may not be left unattended in any part of the library.
2. Disruptive behavior of children will not be tolerated. Older children may be asked to leave.
3. The library is not responsible for the safety of unattended children of any age.

## Salado Public Library District Policies

### C. Computer Use

1. Inappropriate use of library computers is not allowed, including:
  - sending, displaying or printing obscene materials.
  - using computers for any illegal activity.
2. Persons abusing computer privileges may be banned from using the library and/or library computers.

### III. COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

1. The library will acquire materials first and foremost which fulfill the roles of the library as specified in the long-range plan as:
  - lifelong learning & reading
  - reading, viewing and listening for pleasure
  - creating young readers - emergent literacy
2. The general criteria for the selection of library materials purchased by the SPLD are:
  - favorable reviews in reputable review sources
  - the author's reputation and significance as a writer
  - importance of the subject matter to the library's collection
  - scarcity of materials on the subject
  - availability of materials elsewhere in the area
  - availability of materials through the Internet
  - price
3. Material will be selected with concern for all ages, races, backgrounds, interest, abilities and educational levels.

### IV. GIFTS AND DONATIONS

1. Gifts of books, other useful materials, and contributions from individuals or groups which help the library serve the informational, educational, recreational, and cultural needs of the community may be accepted provided that the following conditions are met:
  - Unconditional ownership of the gift is vested in the library.
  - The library makes the final decision on use or disposition of any gifts.
  - The library decides the conditions of display, housing, and access to any gifts.
  - The library applies the same selection standards to gifts which govern material selection.
2. The library will not appraise gifts for tax purposes, but will give a letter stating that an item or items were given. The donor is responsible for determining the value of any gift.
3. Gifts that may encumber the library either financially or administratively require approval of the Board before acceptance.
4. The Board reserves the right to decline any gift that interferes with its ability to fulfill its mission or that unduly encumbers either the Salado Public Library District or the library.

**Salado Public Library District Policies**

**V. LIBRARY PUBLIC DISPLAY AREAS**

The library public display areas may be used for library-related, non-profit, or local community organization materials only.

**VI. PET POLICY**

No animal shall be allowed in the library unless it is part of a library program or it is a service animal.

**THESE POLICIES ARE ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE SALADO PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT ON JUNE 22, 2015 AND SUPERSEDE ANY PREVIOUSLY WRITTEN POLICIES OF THE LIBRARY.**

\_\_\_\_\_PRESIDENT

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