

**Minutes
Newberg Public Library Board
Thursday, July 29, 1999**

Present: Board Members: David King, Linda Sartwell, Debbie Headley, Cherie Taylor,
Donna Read
Staff: Leah Griffith

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by chair David King. The July meeting was held 1/2 hour before the meeting of the Library Improvement Committee rather than on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Consent Calendar:

The minutes and statistical reports were not available at this time. They will be reviewed at the August meeting.

Business:

The Board discussed two articles Dave had brought in regarding the future of libraries and the claim by some that libraries are dead. The discussion was lively as board members related reasons why this was not true. These included the ability of the library to provide books and resources to people regardless of their income level, the library services to preschoolers, the access to the internet for those unable to afford the connections or needing more than their one at home. Also discussed was the use Newberg residents have made of the library with a 10% growth in circulation and reference questions this year.

Director's Report:

The Director provided an oral report of activities including changes in circulation staffing. The written report will be reviewed in August.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 17, 1999

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.


Leah M. Griffith, Library Director

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