

Newport Library Board  
November 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Present: Curt Fewkes, Carol Fisher, Rebecca Cohen, Carol Ruggeri, Terry Obteshka (Newport City Council representative), Jeff Ingram (recorder)

1. Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm.
2. Previous meeting's minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Request for reconsideration of materials: (RC)

Cohen received a phone call from a Waldport library patron whose child was shown an adult book by another student aboard a school bus. The patron complained that such adult material should not be available to children and the patron has formally requested a change in Newport Library policy to require personal identification be shown before such material can be checked out. The patron asked to speak before the board about this subject.

Fewkes wondered about enforceability of such a change. Cohen agreed it would be almost impossible and underlined the abridgement of rights as outlined in The Library Bill of Rights statement issued by the American Library Association. Obteshka asked about definition of "adult material": i.e. non-fiction, and Fisher noted fiction is not "labeled" adult. How does one tell?

The Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 to discuss the patron's request. Cohen will invite the patron to attend.

4. Board interviews:

The Board interviewed 5 candidates for two vacant Board positions. The names of Sharon Beardsley and Chuck Norman will be forwarded to Newport City Council for consideration.

5. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.