

Lake Waynoka Book Club and Library History
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The Book Club received the blessing and support from the Lake Waynoka Manager and WPOA at the September 2017 Workshop Meeting to start a Book Club. An organizational meeting to form Lake Waynoka's first Book Club was held in October 2017. Five "Readers" attended the meeting in the Lodge. It was decided at this meeting that the Club would meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10am in the Lodge. It was also decided that the Club would improve the Library and maintain it using the shelves bought by the Shawnee's and move said shelves to the "unused room" in the Lodge.

At the second meeting after receiving the "OK" from the Lake Waynoka Manager to use said room eleven "Readers" showed up and it was voted by the majority to leave the book shelves in the corner of the Lodge where it was more visible. The Club decided to make the "unused room" a WIFI/Reading room.

With the help of Lake Waynoka's Maintenance crew the shelves were moved, signs were hung, and carpet was cleaned, by one of the club members, in the "unused room". The room was then put to use for what it was intended.

All Lake Waynoka Residents were told this is "YOUR" Library – Please use it!

Lake Waynoka Residents began donating books for all ages, magazines, puzzles, CD's, and VHS tapes. The Club realized they needed more shelves and donated money to buy some at a moving sale. Plus there were several people that donated some shelves. One Lake resident volunteered his art talent to make a chart (signs) to code books and other notices.

The Club removed all books and put stickers on them according to their subject (mystery, romance, etc). Books were put back on the shelves alphabetically according to Authors and genre after repeated requests from residents. Members volunteered time to sort, code and shelf books and other donations.

The Club had Bingo Games at Waynoka Days to make money to purchase books at the ½ Price Book Store for the Junior age group.

Lake Waynoka residents were really utilizing the Library. Every month new members joined the Book Club. Every month there was more activity at the Library.

Next the Club decided to make and sell Cookbooks in order to buy much needed shelving and give a scholarship to an Eastern Brown Senior. Cookbook sales were much better than expected thanks to the awesome people at the Lake.

As of this writing the Club had 28 active members!

The original Mission Statement for the Book Club was: *To provide a welcoming environment for members to enjoy, choose to read and discuss a book and make new friends.*

The Library is for all Lake Waynoka Property owners and every age is encouraged to utilize it because it belongs to ALL! It is YOUR Library.

Remember: Every time you read a book a tree smiles knowing there is life after death.

Joy Ackley was the founding member of the Lake Waynoka Book Club and all members are deeply grateful for her vision, leadership, and friendship.