

**Tony Hillerman Portal  
Advisory Committee  
Fall 2014 Meeting Minutes  
Friday October 16, 2014  
Zimmerman Library, Waters Room**

**1. General Updates (Kevin)**

- a. Next fall for official launch so that there is more time to complete things in the project.
  - i. Interactive DVD for website content for Albuquerque Public Libraries and schools in New Mexico
  - ii. Teacher Guide- might not get done before official launch and work on later
  - iii. Ideas for the official launch speakers

**b. Fellow introductions**

**c. General updates**

- i. Marie Hillerman health and oral history interview
  - 1. Anne Hillerman thinks oral history should happen soon and will determine when an interview would be appropriate
  - 2. Does not want to do a formal oral history because does not want to get information wrong
  - 3. Want to focus on “Life With Tony” and anecdotes
  - 4. Will create questions ahead of time so that Marie can review them
- ii. WLA Conference Panel, Victoria, BC, Saturday, November 8, 2014
  - 1. Will meet after this meeting

**2. Report on THP Preview Event, June 18, 2014 at Tony Hillerman Public Library**

- a. Great event

**3. Reports on the Encyclopedia of the Southwest**

- a. Editorial Report: Terms and Definitions Review and Approval Progress
  - i. 1,200-1,500 terms written so far
  - ii. Slow process but the terms will be high quality work. Trying to maintain cultural sensitivity.
  - iii. Reviewing and editing all the terms written over the past three years.
  - iv. Hopefully done with the first four novels from Navajo detective series by the end of this semester. Goal to have one interactive manuscript completely interactive by the preview event in the fall.
  - v. Manuscripts Either Finished or Working On
    - 1. The Blessing Way
    - 2. Dance Hall of the Dead
    - 3. The Boy Who Made Dragonfly
    - 4. People of Darkness
    - 5. Listening Woman

- b. Scholarship Report: Progress on People of Darkness (Sophie Ell)
    - i. Getting used to the world of Tony Hillerman and interesting to define terms and do the research.
    - ii. Takes place near Albuquerque, locations around Grants, Mount Taylor, and El Malpías. Went on trip to Mount Taylor and El Malpías and had a different experience after researching the world of Tony Hillerman. Took photos and will incorporate them into a new Facebook post.
    - iii. Question for Lloyd Lee about a Navajo word for People of Darkness, is it made up?
      - 1. Suggestions of who to ask two instructors in Navajo Language and in the College of Education.
  - c. Technology Report: Maps and Online Encyclopedia Demo (Baset)
    - i. Terms and definitions are put into an online encyclopedia on Hillerman.edu
    - ii. Maps
      - 1. A tool for visual learners so people can visualize the settings and where things took place. Maps are available on the website.
      - 2. Google Maps based map, and when you click on the different settings then it brings up the encyclopedia definitions. There is a link at the end of the definition that takes the user to the full encyclopedia entry.
    - iii. Encyclopedia
      - 1. Starting this fall all the terms and definitions have been added to the encyclopedia. Each term has definition, photo, where it is in the novels, term type, and citations.
      - 2. Can share or like the terms on social media.
      - 3. Can go from the term to the manuscripts that house the terms and then you can read the edited versions of the manuscript.
- 4. Report on Facebook Articles and User Activity (Stephanie Mack)**
- a. Promote the site and gather interest
  - b. Scholarly articles and current event pieces
- 5. THP Official Launch Event (Kevin)**
- a. Fall semester 2015, September or October.
  - b. APL: interested in participating in the launch for public school teachers, librarians, and fans.
  - c. Two-part launch: academic scholarly event on campus and a public library launch for the fans and teachers.
  - d. Two Events Ideas for Activities:
    - i. Speakers
      - 1. Funding: Daniel Worden bring in Tony Hillerman academic speakers from the literary area.
        - a. There is funding for the event and can spend the money to get speakers to come.

2. Possible representative of Navajo Nation
3. Native literary people or the interregional tribal libraries.
  - a. Emily: these organizations and people have tables at the event (possibly).
- ii. Topics
  1. If have symposium:
    - a. Will it be a symposium with abstract submission or graduate students?
  2. Students of Tony Hillerman
    - a. Speaking about their experiences
  3. Journalists in ABQ or Poker Club Member
    - a. Speak about interviews they did with Tony Hillerman
    - b. Speak about Friendship with Hillerman
- iii. Activities
  1. Solicit student involvement and projects for the project.
- iv. Launch Events
  1. Send out the invitations across the Southwest and possibly across the U.S.

**6. Suggestions for Two Additional Advisory Committee Members**

- a. Two library colloquies can no longer serve on the project
  - i. Anne Massman and Sue Awe
- b. New Advisory Committee Meetings
  - i. Leslie Donovan
  - ii. Cathleen Cahill- American and Native American History
  - iii. Todd Ruecker- English as a foreign language and field work in El Paso and Las Cruces
  - iv. Melina Vizcaíno-Alemán- In English department