

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

January 25, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Grace Chewning/Chairman, Pamela Neal/Vice Chairman, Patricia Roberts, Margaret Wells, Elizabeth Murphrey, Anne West

**Members Absent:** Herbert Weissman

**Staff:** Christine Patten/Library Services Division Manager & Secretary, Sara Gonzalez/Regional Branch Manager, Barbara McCullough/Regional Branch Manager, Barbara Piel / Regional Branch Manager, Denise Tate/ Library Resources Manager, Virginia Howerton / Library Resources Manager

- A. The Library Advisory Board members, staff from Seminole County Government Television, Seminole County Parks and Recreation Division met for the official ribbon cutting for the Little Library located at Red Bug Lake Park.
- B. Ms. Chewning called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. Ms. Chewning noted that there was a quorum for the January 25, 2016, Library Advisory Board Meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes from December 7, 2015 Library Advisory Board Meeting by Ms. Patricia Roberts, and seconded by Ms. Margaret Wells, and approved by unanimous vote.
- C. Ms. Patten requested to move the agenda item regarding the Customer Service Survey to the next Library Advisory Board Meeting on February 29, 2016. The Library Advisory Board agreed to reschedule the discussion about the Customer Survey. It was noted that the Customer Service Survey was extended through December 21, 2015, due to technical difficulties which delayed the original launch.
- D. Ms. Patten reported on the success of the public school partnership library card project. We have mailed over 5,000 library cards to students.
- E. Ms. Patten reported that Denise Tate will be retiring on April 29, 2016. Due to Ms. Tate's retirement, Ms. Patten is requesting to restructure library positions and create three Senior Librarian positions, for system-wide management of Youth Services, Adult Services and Technical Services. Virginia Howerton currently Library Resources Manager Public Services would manage these positions. There would be no additional staff positions added. The plan includes upgrading of two existing positions and downgrading the position currently held by Denise Tate. There would be a significant salary savings.
- F. Mr. Abel, Director of the Leisure Service Department would like a proposal to open the library branches seven days per week. This proposal would include unfreezing four positions frozen as a departmental budget offset for the FY 14/15 Leisure Services budget.
- G. Ms. Gonzalez reported to the Library Advisory Board on the plans to create a demonstration garden at the West Branch Library.
- H. Ms. Gonzalez reported on a Sparks grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Science, an independent agency of the United States federal government. The Library is working on a grant to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) for girls that would involve teen mentors.
- I. Ms. Howerton advised the Library Advisory Board about the Teen Read program. Teen Read Awards night will be held at the Board of County Commissioners' chambers at the County Services Building on March 10, 2016 at 7 PM. The Seminole County Friends of the Library funds the Teen Read Awards.
- J. Ms. Patten reported on the funding request to the Friends of the Library. The Friends approved all of the requests.
- K. Ms. Chewning called for any discussion under the Good of the Order.
  - a. Pamela Neal, board members and staff discussed the classes offered in Seminole County Public Schools to teach coding to kindergarteners.

- b. The Seminole County Public Schools are offering Programs of Emphasis which would prepare student for high demand fields.
- L. At the next meeting, the Library will present a demonstration of OZO bots which are being featured in library programs for tweens and teens.
- M. The next Library Advisory Board meeting will be held February 29, 2016 at the North Branch in Sanford and will include a tour of the branch, if the meeting room will be available.
- N. Ms. Chewning declared the meeting adjourned at 4:43 PM.