

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 18, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Grace Chewning/Chairman, Pamela Neal/Vice Chairman, Patricia Roberts, Margaret Wells, Herbert Weissman, Elizabeth Murphrey

Members with Excused Absences: Vacant position

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

- A. Ms. Chewning called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Ms. Chewning noted that there was a quorum for the May 18, 2015 Library Advisory Board Meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes from April 27, 2015 Library Advisory Board Meeting by Mr. Herbert Weissman and seconded by Ms. Elizabeth Murphrey, and approved by unanimous vote.
- B. Ms. Howerton discussed the summer reading program. The summer reading program with a super hero theme will have kick-off parties for children ages 5-12 at all branches. The kick-off parties will be held at the Central Branch on May 27th, at the East Branch on May 28th, at the Northwest Branch on May 29th, at the West Branch on June 2nd, and at the North Branch on June 3rd. There will be hero clubs with weekly meeting that will include visits from community heroes, including the Seminole County Sheriff helicopter. For teens, there will be the teen reading challenge with a bingo sheet, and Open-Mic night will be held August 6th. Teen programs are designed to interest youth ages 13-18 years. There is a summer reading program and log for adults. The theme is Escape the Ordinary. Adults can read 5 books, receive 5 Friends of the Library Book Bucks and enter the drawing for a prize basket.
- C. Ms. Patten reported on award that the library received at the Florida Library Association, annual conference. The library was awarded the Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award for Children's Programming for our outstanding chess program for children. Only one library is selected for the state and the library has only won this award on one other occasion, about 20 years ago.
- D. Ms. Tate provided an update on Lyndia.com, the new training database that the library offers. Offered to the public in April, there have been 929 total views to date and highly favorable public response. The library has received calls requesting information about getting or renewing library cards from customers wanting access to Lyndia.com.
- E. Ms. Patten reported on new Florida Library Standards and the meeting held at the Florida Library Association conference.
- F. Commissioner Dallari hasn't appointed a replacement to the Library Advisory Board to fill the vacancy left by Mr. David Pollack.
- G. Ms. Patten reported on the \$6000 one time grant awarded from the OCLC, Geek Your Library campaign that the library will use to create a teen makerspace program that can be used in all of the branch locations. The library awareness campaign, Geek Your Library Campaign funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation ends June 2015.
- H. Ms. Chewning called for any discussion under the Good of the Order.
 - a. Mr. Weissman also let the board know that he refurbishes older computers and donates them to organizations.

- b. Ms. Chewning suggested that the board hold some meetings at other branches, so that board members will be familiar with all of the library branches. The board discussed holding the June 29, 2015 meeting at the West Branch or at other branches.
 - c. Ms. Neal reported on the Seminole County Public Schools summer reading program, Let's Read Seminole. Walker Elementary held a battle of the books, and she promoted all of the summer reading programs available to children during the summer break.
 - d. Ms. Roberts proposed that the library hold in-service training for Seminole County teachers and the board discussed the library liaisons which are going to meetings at the schools and presenting information about library resources.
 - e. Ms. Well reported that the Media Center at Sterling Park Elementary will be open for children during the summer Thursdays, 11-4:30.
- I. Ms. Chewning declared the meeting adjourned at 5:01 PM.