

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

June 29, 2015, 4:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent: Herbert Weissman

Members with Excused Absences: Vacant position

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

- A. Ms. Chewning called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Ms. Chewning noted that there was a quorum for the June 29, 2015 Library Advisory Board Meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes from May 18, 2015 Library Advisory Board Meeting by Ms. Pamela Neal and seconded by Ms. Patricia Roberts, and approved by unanimous vote.
- B. Ms. Patten discussed the summer reading program and the special events that have been presented in June. The summer reading program with a super hero theme has held Super Hero Clubs at each branch that featured community heroes such as the fire department and the Sheriff's Office. The Seminole County Sheriff helicopter was a great success at the Central Branch. Art Blast, a makerspace program for younger children has been very popular at the Central Branch. The library held Knit in Public Day knit-in events at all of the library branches. The Knit in Public Day events were featured in publicity by the Orlando Sentinel.
- C. Ms. Patten reported on the FY 2015/16 budget for the Library. The initial budget meetings didn't call of budget cuts. The County is going to look for cuts where possible but isn't requesting 3-5% budget reductions as in past years. New software to provide wireless printing was removed from the budget as demand for wireless printing has been low. The County I.S. department is requesting funding in the budget to replace the library's operating system servers which are at end of life.
- 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. Gonzalez reported on the Little Library project. A Little Library will be built by a Scout troupe and will hosted by Red Bug Lake Park. The Library Advisory Board members discussed inviting the Commissioner for the district to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony.
- F. The Library Advisory Board discussed the media coverage that the Library has received from the Lake Mary Magazine.
- G. Ms. Patten reported that fiber has been installed down Hunt Club Boulevard which will connect to the West Branch Library. This will increase data speeds and will make it possible for the West Branch to offer streaming content to the public.
- H. Ms. Patten and the Library Advisory Board members discussed holding the July 27, 2015 at the West Branch Library in Longwood. Ms. Gonzalez agreed to check on the availability of the meeting room for July 27th.

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LIBRARY SERVICES DIVISION



- I. Ms. Howerton reported on the National Endowment for the Humanities grant received by the University of Central Florida (UCF) for a series of programs and events in recognition of the 75 anniversary of Zora Neal Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. As a part of the Library's partnership with UCF, the Library will present book club programs on the book, *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and will include the book in other Library programs. The Library will receive 60 copies of the books for use in the book clubs.
- J. Ms. Howerton reported on the Movie Site License that will enable the Library to offer movie programs to the public inside the library. The site license doesn't include rights to show movies outdoors. The Library will be presenting a number of film programs such as Family Movies and a Classic Movie Club.
- K. Ms. Chewning and other board members asked about board member Mr. Weissman who has been absent for a couple of board meetings. Ms. Patten will contact him to advise him of the proposed meeting to be held at the West Branch.
- L. Board members asked for an update of the open Library Advisory Board position.
- M. Ms. Chewning called for any discussion under the Good of the Order.
 - a. Ms. Roberts proposed that the library not attempt to offer the level of service to private schools that is proposed for the Library-Public School Partnership. The Library doesn't have the staffing level to provide extensive services to County private schools but will continue to include them in event such as Teen Read and the Summer Reading Program. The Library will continue with library card registration drives.
- N. Ms. Chewning declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.