

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**  
**MEETING HELD February 24, 2014, 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Regina Bereswill / Chari, Grace Chewning / Vice Chair, Elizabeth Murphrey, Patricia Roberts, Pamela Neal, Margaret Wells, Herbert Weissman

**Members with Excused Absences:** none

**Seminole County Library Staff** - Christine Patten, Library Services Manager/ Secretary; Barbara McCullough, Regional Branch Manager, Virginia Howerton, Library Resources Manager

- A. Ms. Bereswill called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.
- B. Ms. Bereswill presented the minutes from January 27, 2014 for approval. Ms. Chewning made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Roberts and approved by unanimous vote.
- C. Ms. Patten gave an update on the County's strategic plan.
- D. Ms. Patten provided an update on the rotation of the Regional Branch Managers. Ms. McCullough is the manager of the North and East Branches, Ms. Rainey is the manager of the Central Branch, and the position for the West and Northwest Branches is open.
- E. Ms. Patten reported on the launch of online library card registration which had been delayed due to technical problems. The new online library card registration began March 3, 2014.
- F. Ms. Howerton provided a report on the successful Teen Read Writing and Video contest for 2014. Sixteen Seminole County middle and schools participated and twenty six teens were selected as winners. The cash prizes, funded by the Friends of the Library, will be presented March 6<sup>th</sup>, at Teen Read Fest, BCC Chamber 7-8 PM.
- G. Ms. Patten reported on the draft library budget for FY 14/15 which includes a 6% cut in funding to the library. The use of Library Impact Fees has been looked at as a source of funding to offset proposed cuts to the Books and Materials budget.
- H. Ms. Patten reported on the library's work on updating a number of library policies, such as the Public Access Computer Use Policy and the Code of Conduct to ensure that wording is consistent with current needs.
- I. The Library Advisory Board discussed the impact of the loss of Media Specialists in the Seminole County Public Schools. Board members expressed concern about the impact this will have on student achievement. The board discussed preparing a letter to the school officials to express their concerns and to highlight the effect this will have on public library services.
- J. The board discussed how the Customer Survey would be shared with the County Commissioners.
- K. Ms. Bereswill asked for agenda items for the next Library Advisory Board meeting.
- L. The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 31, 2014, at 7 p.m., in the Sunshine Gallery at the Central Branch Library.
- M. There being no further business, Ms. Bereswill declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.