

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ADOPTED MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

Members Present: C. Sean Loosier, Chair, Rosemary Closson, Raven Arscott, Jeanine Ellenson, Sheba West, and Christine Trevett

Absent: Susan Kellicut, Vice-Chair

Staff: Christine Patten, Library Services Division Manager, Kathi Efland, Public Services Manager and Sara White, Senior Librarian Youth Services

1. Mr. Loosier called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum for the September 25, 2023, Library Advisory Board Meeting. The motion was made to accept the official minutes from August 28, 2023 by Mr. Loosier which was seconded by Ms. West and approved by unanimous vote.
2. Ms. Patten introduced Sara White, the Senior Librarian for Youth Services. Ms. White presented a report on the Summer Reading Program. The summer reading program has a nationwide theme, through the Collaborative Reading Program. This year, the theme was *All Together Now*. Ms. White reported that the summer reading program had an 11% increase for all age groups in attendance and participation.
3. Ms. Patten reported on the new Play Zone that the library is offering at the Central Branch in the children's reading area on the second floor. The Library repurposed games, toys and materials from the Sensory Lab that was offered some years ago. The new Play Zone is frequently being used by children and parents. Activities include building with Legos, playing with puzzles, reading, and simple craft activities.
4. The county is making a proposal for state funding that would expand library services to underserved and disadvantaged communities. The proposal is for Remote Book Lockers that would make library materials available in communities seven days per week. Ms. Patten asked the Library Advisory Board to vote on whether they would support the proposed project and be willing to write a letter in support if needed. The board members voted in favor of support of the Remote Locker Project, with all present in favor.
5. The Library Advisory Board discussed the recent news articles about book banning and book restrictions in public schools in Florida. Board members noted that this wasn't a new occurrence but that it was worrisome.
6. Ms. Patten reported that the State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement was prepared, and approved at the September 12, 2023, Board of County Commissioners' meeting, and submitted to the state.
7. The Library Advisory Board members discussed board appointments and the confusion over rotating members on the Library Advisory Board. Library Advisory Board member may be appointed to three 2-year terms.
8. Ms. Patten provided an update on Patron Point to automate online library card registration. The Patron Point agreement is held up and is waiting for signature of the County Manager to move forward.
9. Ms. Patten reported on the West and North Branches ADA restroom remodeling projects. The ADA remodeling project for the West Branch started on September 18, 2023. The project is going well, and the library branch has not needed to close to the public during the renovations. The North Branch ADA project is still waiting on permits from the City of Sanford.

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10. The Library Advisory Board discussed the next steps in implementing the Library Master Plan. The next step is to develop a funding report that would outline the funding needed and the potential funding sources. Ms. Patten is not certain if the funding report would be developed by county staff or a contracted consultant.
11. The next meeting will be October 30, 2023, in the gallery at the Central Branch.
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