

**Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting**

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Daytona Beach Regional Library

**Members:**

Claudia Hutchins, At- Large  
Vacant, District I  
Neil Harrington, District II  
Robert Clinton, District III  
Chris Hartley, District IV  
Sue Lombardi, District V  
Rev. Donald Needham, At- Large

**Staff:**

Lucinda Colee, Library Services Director  
Chelsea Harrison, Recorder  
Anne Powers, Network Librarian  
Brook White, Daytona Beach Regional Librarian  
Melissa Reynolds, New Smyrna Beach Regional

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Chair, Sue Lombardi called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

All Board members were present with the exception of Dr. Henry Martin.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Donald Needham made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Neil Harrington seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. On page 1, under Reports, change the date of the Deltona opening from October 24<sup>th</sup>, to October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Election of Officers:**

Claudia Hutchins nominated Sue Lombardi for Chair. Donald Needham seconded the motion. Donald Needham nominated Neil Harrington for Vice Chair. Claudia Hutchins seconded the motion. Claudia Hutchins nominated Chris Hartley for Secretary. Donald Needham seconded the motion. All the nominations for the elections of Officers were unanimously approved.

Dr. Henry Martin, District 1, has resigned from the Library Advisory Board, on which he served 7 years. He will be greatly missed. The Library Board would like to recognize Dr. Martin for his contributions to the County Library Advisory Board at the November 6, 2009, Library Advisory Board meeting scheduled in Deltona. Library Director, Lucinda Colee was instructed to extend an invitation to Dr. Martin to attend the next meeting.

**Budget Update/Financial Report:**

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, went over the Budget Report that was presented to County Council at the Budget Hearing. The preliminary Library budget was approved at the roll-back rate of 0.60605. The County Council approved the preliminary budget with a vote of 7 to 0 to move the budget forward. The final budget hearing will be on September 17<sup>th</sup>. It was strongly recommended the Library Board, Friends of the Library organizations and the public stay active in Library advocacy at the public meetings. The projected amount of State Aid for FY 09 is \$393,000.00.

Lucinda Colee, expressed pride about Volusia County not having to make the large cuts that other surrounding counties are making. There are eight positions right now that have not been filled and all promotions are on hold. Everyone is very happy to have a job in these economic times. There is a difficult year ahead, where cuts may be necessary.

**Deltona Construction Update:**

Deltona is nearing completion. All of the storage from High Springs has been delivered and the Deltona Staff, with the assistance of staff from other libraries is busy interfiling it onto their shelves. Lucinda Colee pointed out how well the storage worked out. The Art in Public Places has been delayed, including

the custom made Children's desk. The Grand Opening will be October 17<sup>th</sup>; and more than a 1,000 people are expected to attend.

**Federal Depository Status:**

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, gave a demonstration of the new electronic depository. Volusia County will no longer serve as a depository for print federal documents. Instead, through Marchive, the records will be downloaded electronically. This will open up the documents to all Volusia residents, as well as, non-residents, via our online catalog.

**Mango Language Learning:**

Anne Powers, Network Librarian, gave a demonstration of the Mango Language Learning Database.

**VCPL Calendar of Events:**

Anne Powers, Network Librarian, gave a demonstration of Event Keeper. Event Keeper replaces the "Happenings" on the website. Event Keeper allows citizens to sort programs scheduled in our library branches by subject, date, and location.

**E-PREP:**

Anne Powers, Network Librarian, displayed the new EPREP database that has online test preparation and practice tests for the PSAT, ACT, and SAT. This is not yet available to the public. Peterson's guides are already available via the library website.

**Regional Report:**

Brook White, Regional Librarian, expressed the importance of libraries to the community. The door count for City Island is up 13% from last year. They are helping a very large number of people through the food bank, literacy programs, and computer classes.

**Public Participation:**

Tom Skov, a member of the Friends at New Smyrna Beach, voiced a strong desire to get more interest in library advocacy at Council Meetings. He wants more awareness about the services provided by the library and the financial impact of it.

Christie Jefferson, from the Deltona Library, was grateful for all of the donated books from other libraries to help them stock their new book sale room in the expanded Deltona Regional Library.

**Board Discussion:**

Sue Lombardi, Chair, encouraged as many people as possible to attend the County Council Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> to show that the Libraries are an asset to the County and that they can be used without charge. Friends and Volunteers should also be united, not two separate groups. There was discussion about the reactivation the Council of Friends.

Chris Hartley, Secretary, wanted to know when Ormond Beach's computer lab would be completed. The smart board will be installed after Deltona is finished.

**Next Meeting/Future Agenda Items:**

The next meeting will be on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Deltona Regional Library at 2pm.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Chelsea Harrison*