

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

January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

John H. Dickerson Memorial 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  
Donald Needham, At- Large

**Staff:**

Lucinda Colee, Library Services Director  
Chelsea Harrison, Recorder  
Anne Powers, Network Librarian  
Dave Byron, Community Services Director

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Chair, Sue Lombardi called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

All Board members were present.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:**

Sue Lombardi, Chair, made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Donald Needham, At-Large, seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved. On page 6 change motherload to mother lode. Also, on page 5 change the roll call vote passed unanimously to the roll call vote passed however was not unanimous. Sue Lombardi voted against reducing the hours at the Orange City Library.

**Report on the County Council Meeting:**

Sue Lombardi, Chair, stated that Mr. Jim Dinneen, County Manager, is working with Mayor Via of Holly Hill to create a partnership with Volusia County. She also stated that the County Council is looking to the Board to come up with reasonable solutions.

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, announced that the budget process for next year will begin in February. She has been directed to work with the City of Daytona Beach to see what renovations can be come up with to keep the S. Cornelia Young Library open. Lucinda Colee is working closely with the Risk Manager in regards to this library. Staff is looking at the cost of operations to get closer numbers to the line items. Lucinda Colee also stated that the hours have been reduced at the John H. Dickerson Memorial Library and at the Orange City Library. The Bookmobile is now out of service.

Sue Lombardi, Chair, will meet with the County Council on January 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss the DVD circulation and Internet Filtering policies.

**Discussion on the Use of Reserves and Construction Funds:**

Neil Harrington, District II, opened the discussion of moving funds to the operating side. Mr. Jim Dinneen, County Manager, did not recommend it because there is not much in the reserve funds. Neil Harrington reminded the board that the Deltona Library renovations could not have been done without the reserve money and asked that they consider the libraries down the road.

Donald Needham, At-Large, was against removing funds from the reserve, he recommended cutbacks instead.

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, explained that the money in question would be \$1.2 million for the reserve, \$250,000.00 for maintenance operation, and \$2 million for future construction.

Chris Hartley, District IV, stated that the money is needed for emergencies and once it is spent it cannot be replenished.

Donald Needham, At-Large, made a motion to leave the reserve funds as reserve funds. Neil Harrington, District II, seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sue Lombardi, Chair, announced that they would be pulling two of the agenda items for a future date: endowment request and long range planning process. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, stated that these topics would be discussed at the March meeting and that there would be a special workshop after that.

**Internet Filtering Policy:**

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, went over the Internet Filtering power point presentation that is attached. Lucinda Colee explained that the Children's Internet Protection Act is to protect minors against obscenity, pornography, and viewing materials harmful to minors.

Neil Harrington, District II, inquired as to how the children were protected. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, answered there are computers designated specifically for children and that those computers cannot be unfiltered. The Adult area computers are filtered with Websense based off of the date of birth on the library card. Adults may request to have these filters turned off. They are monitored through the code of conduct policy. The wireless network is also filtered at all times.

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, read the Library Bill of Rights; she feels that the new policy protects the rights of patrons.

Donald Needham, At-Large, asked if the library was now going to start censoring printed material. Lucinda Colee answered that there would be no censoring in the print collection.

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, stated that if a patron requests to have access to a restricted website, they must be doing bona fide research for it to be unfiltered. Only Lucinda Colee or Anne Powers, Network Librarian, will have the authority to either permanently unfilter the website or temporarily allow access for research. Lucinda Colee added that there is not a filter for graphic images that are attachments in emails. Lucinda Colee informed the board that museums and artwork will not be filtered out by Websense. Websense is the filtering vendor, therefore they will decide which websites are filtered and which are not.

Dave Byron, Community Services Director, explained that this is now a highly electronic world with much more computer use. This causes there to be an added weight to the need for internet filtering. This policy will be based off of the code of conduct policy and not censorship per se.

Neil Harrington, District II, asked why we are filtering the internet. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, responded that if we do not filter then we loose erate state funding.

Neil Harrington, District II, made a motion to approve the staff recommendation for filtering the internet. Donald Needham, At-Large, seconded the motion.

Robert Clinton, District III, was concerned that this would be the beginning of censorship in the library. Neil Harrington, District II, and Donald Needham, At-Large, retracted their motion in order to modify it.

Neil Harrington, District II, made a motion to show that the internet filtering is in no way related to censorship. He amended the notion of approving the proposal made by staff, with the caveat that they do not want this to be applied to the printed material. Donald Needham, At-Large, seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **DVD Collection Policy:**

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, went over the DVD policy power point.

Dave Byron, Community Services Director, explained that the libraries are now down 9.5 positions and there is a strict hiring freeze. The budget must be reduced to a certain number; therefore, the cost of doing things is a very significant item being analyzed. We must figure out how to do things differently so we can do them with less money and staff.

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, explained that only the cost of labor is being factored into the cost of DVD reservations, not replacement costs. She estimates the savings for removing DVD reservations to be between \$200,000.00 and \$300,000.00.

Donald Needham, At-Large, stated that if the item is in the library system that patrons should be allowed to place a hold on that item. He recommended having a 5 hold limit that would be available for any type of item in the library system. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, answered that all branches will have copies of the popular titles, if the patron cannot wait to find it in the browsing collection, then they can use other venues such as Netflix and Blockbuster. The only way to save money is to remove the holds on entertainment DVDs.

Neil Harrington, District II, stated that he did not like that the libraries are becoming community centers. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, answered that the public is asking the library to do more and it is seeing more users. She also added that DVDs and videos have always been a part of the service offered by the library.

Donald Needham, At-Large, recommended not carrying DVDs at all. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, answered that if that is the direction they want to take then they need to go back to the list of small branches to close. Neil Harrington, District II, feels as though that will happen anyway next year. Sue Lombardi, Chair, feels that there will ultimately only be 6 regional branches.

Dave Byron, Community Services Director, announced that at the last county council meeting with Parks and Recreation there was a recommendation to reduce 10% from the total budget, equaling \$1.2 million. The government has evolved into an organization that provides an incredible level of service that is unable to be sustained over time. All of the county facilities have to make these difficult decisions.

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, reminded the board that if reservations are eliminated they can easily be added back in at a later date. However, if you eliminate DVDs then they are gone.

Neil Harrington, District II, made a motion to approve the staff recommendation for the new DVD Collection policy. Chris Hartley, District IV, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **Public Participation:**

Dick Falconberg, Ormond Beach Library, stated that he was upset at the idea of cutting DVDs from the library all together. He uses the DVDs often and wanted to know if the library would cut fiction novels from the collection as well because they are entertainment.

William Magler, S. Cornelia Young, asked statistics regarding DVDs and the courier for the S. Cornelia Young and Holly Hill Libraries that he thought that the County Council requested. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, stated that the County Council did not request those figures and they have not voted on

closing the branches yet. William Magler wanted to know if the money saved by this plan would be able to be reallocated to the S. Cornelia Young Library. Lucinda Colee responded that the reductions are to save money from the entire budget; it cannot be given to a single library.

Dave Byron, Community Services Director, stated that the County Council only delayed the closures of the Holly Hill Library and the S. Cornelia Young Library. The recommendation is that the S. Cornelia Young Library be closed until the City of Daytona Beach makes the necessary renovations as there are serious structural issues with the building. Only then would the library reopen at the City of Daytona's expense. This deal will have to be made very quickly.

William Magler asked if the city of Daytona Beach has been in contact with the County of Volusia with a presentation about a partnership. Dave Byron, Community Services Director, answered no, because there is staff work that still needs to be done in order to have that conversation. The costs must still be defined, as they include more than just the electric bills. Dave Byron does not know when a decision will be made, however an action needs to take place in 90 days or less in order to achieve the savings.

Jerry Lombardi, President of the Debarry Library Association, stated that the library must decide whether it is a library or an arcade and then budget off of that decision. He feels that the library is for education and not entertainment. He also stated that the regional libraries are not separate from the community libraries. He predicted that in 2 years there will not be a Debarry Library.

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, told him that the Debarry Library would not be closed in two years. Lucinda Colee added that the library has always been in the entertainment business, as best selling novels are purely entertainment.

Neil Harrington, District II, stated that there is a major workshop need in the future where they will discuss who the library's customers are and what services are being provided for those customers.

**Board Discussion:**

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, announced that she would be meeting with Dorothy Huckles on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 4:00pm, right after the County Lunch. It is the last appointment of the day and they are discussing State Aid and what can be done with the library.

Donald Needham, At-Large, stated that the statistics that Lucinda brought show that the library patrons have voted for what services they want by how they have check items out.

Chris Hartley, District IV, commented on the quality of the information that Lucinda has provided for the County Library Advisory Board.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be on March 12, 2010 at the New Smyrna Beach Library starting at 2:00pm.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Chelsea Harrison*