

Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting
October 3rd, 2014
Library Support Center

Members:

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

Staff:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director
Chelsea Harrison, Recorder

Neil Harrington, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Neil Harrington, Donald Needham, Chris Hartley, Sue Lombardi, Claudia Hutchins, and Robert Clinton were present. Jean Fletcher was absent.

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, presented demographic information to the Board. Please see attached. The Board discussed repurposing square footage for more programming, eLabs, and dedicated space for personal technology. Library hours, that are reviewed periodically, were discussed by the board.

Lucinda informed the board that the role of librarians has evolved to include teaching the public how to find information on the internet, in databases, and their own personal devices. There is also more program planning, community networking for programs, and outreach. In order to continue to add electronic resources that are needed, publication ordering had to change so that a balance could be struck between the patrons who want traditional services and the latest and greatest technology. The board discussed the library budget.

The facility size for the Volusia County Public Library is .5 SF per capita and comes in under the essential level of .6 SF per capita, per the Florida Library Association established standards for public libraries.

The Edgewater Public Library and the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library are only four miles apart; causing overlapping use between Edgewater and New Smyrna. This can be seen on the All Branches – 5 mile radius map that Lucinda presented to the board, please see attached. DeLeon Springs falls outside the 5 mile radius, but is covered by the DeLand Regional Library and is a rural area. The standards allow for a greater driving distance for rural areas.

Adding a different type of self serve station at the Sun Rail Station that would be serviced by the DeBary Public Library was discussed. A larger sign is needed to help the DeBary residents know where the library is. The board discussed comparing the Volusia County Public Library’s coverage to other state wide library systems.

The Orange City Public Library building is in poor condition. The location is also very close to the DeBary Public Library and the DeLand Regional Library, causing there to be overlap in use. The Library maintains the building; however the lease has expired and is being reviewed before continuing. Lease agreements were discussed.

The policy for using Endowment money was discussed. The Library is looking at creating a recommendation for the board to discuss using Endowment Funds to purchase database subscriptions for homework help for children and a training program for computer certification. Lucinda will bring more information to the next meeting.

Self Check stations that would accept debit and credit cards are being considered. Library staff would never physically touch the cards; everything would be done by the patron.

Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be November 14th at 10:00am at the Deltona Regional Library. The Board will look at library usage and compare facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chelsea Harrison