

Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting
September 11th, 2015
Port Orange Regional Library
1005 City Center Circle Port Orange, FL 32129

Members:

Claudia Hutchins
Jean Fletcher
Neil Harrington
Rev. Donald Needham
Carol Johnson
Sue Lombardi
Robert Clinton

Staff:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director
Jake Teems, Recorder

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

Neil Harrington, Jean Fletcher, Carol Johnson, Sue Lombardi, Rev. Donald Needham, and Robert Clinton were present. Claudia Hutchins was absent.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Donald Needham made a motion to approve the minutes as published. Sue Lombardi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

Budget Update:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, announced that the library budget was approved by a vote of 5-1 (Chairman Davis Dissented) with the previously suggested rate of (.5520 mils) which is a 4.6% increase. The second budget hearing was set for September 24, 2015 – 6pm.

Summer Library Program Statistics:

The Volusia County Library System presented 866 programs this summer compared with around 500 for the previous year. Total attendance in 2015 was: 29,848 compared with around 18,479 in 2014. Children's Programs Average: 44. Teen's Programs Average: 14. Adult's Program Average: 23.

Summer Food Program Statistics:

Increased participation at both Dickerson Heritage Library and the Orange City Library totaling 2,557 meals given out to kids aged 0-18 years old.

Bike Mobile-Library Cruiser:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, announced the implementation of the Library Cruiser as part of the national "Outside the Lines" week from Sep. 13th to 19th. The cruiser will pull a custom-made cart packed with popular books, DVD's, and library information available for checkout, sign-up, and promotion. The goal of the program is to re-introduce the library to those not utilizing it currently.

Daytona Beach Launch-Pad:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, explained the design and purpose of the Maker-space area that will be opening at the Daytona Beach Library on September 21, 2015. The 2,200 square foot space is designed for children, teens, and adults with programs that include sewing instruction, digital photography and film editing, 3D printing, and furniture making. The purpose of these programs and this space is to demonstrate to our patrons that the library can be a place of creation and hands-on learning that goes hand with the overall mission of the library to put information and materials otherwise not within reach, into the hands of people that want to learn.

3D Printing:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, updated the Advisory Board on the rotation schedule for the 3D printing program which is available upon request. The 3D printers have had successful programs in both Port Orange and Deltona, and they are currently on exhibition at the City Island Library until the end of September at which time a permanent 3D printer will be installed as part of the MakerLab at that location. The next branch to receive the printers will be the Edgewater Library in October.

Capital Improvement Update:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, announced January 11, 2016 as a tentative date of closure for renovation of the New Smyrna Beach Library with a re-open date of February 1, 2016. The passive reading space in Deltona is ready to open, but we are still waiting on the LEC side of the project to be completed.

Old Business:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, gave an update on the Big Read Grant Program that the library is engaged in and the specifics of the program such as the advertising of the various events within the library. Over 1,000 copies of this year's Big Read selection, To Kill A Mockingbird, will be given away as a part of the promotion that was jointly funded by the library and a nationally awarded grant.

New Business:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, addressed the issue of library card awareness month, and there was discussion on the board concerning the best methods for communicating upcoming events in the library such as library card awareness month, to those in position to spread the word throughout the community.

Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be on November 13 at the DeBary Public Library.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jake Teems