

**Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting
May 13th, 2016**

**John H. Dickerson Heritage Library
411 S. Keech Street Daytona, FL 32114**

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 called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

Neil Harrington, Claudia Hutchins, Carole Johnson, Rev. Donald Needham, Sue Lombardi, and Robert Clinton all were present.

Jean Fletcher was absent.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Rev. Donald Needham made a motion to approve the minutes as published. Carol Johnson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

FY 2017 Budget Update: Lucinda Colee, Library Director, reported that the Library Services Division will be expecting that the millage rate will remain flat and the library will receive an increase of approximately 5% in revenue collected from property taxes. The Library Director will be presenting a mini-budget workshop/ library services update to the Volusia County Council on Thursday May 19, 2016. Library Services will be presenting recent statistics and accomplishments along with upcoming programs.

Discovery Center – Junior League Gift: Lucinda Colee, Library Director, reported that the Discovery Center in the Daytona Beach Regional Library was recently reopened after improvements were made to the space with a gift of \$5,000 from the Junior League of Daytona Beach. New interactive games and toys were purchased for the space with the gifted funds from the Junior League along with Early Literacy Computers which were purchased by the Volusia County Public Library.

Programming Update: Lucinda Colee, Library Director, reported to the Library Advisory Board that the annual Money Smart Week program recently concluded with excellent results. Money Smart Week is a program initiative sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and the Federal Reserve. The Volusia County Public Library first began participating in 2012 with 306 patrons having attended programs and in 2016 approximately 1304 patrons attended Money Smart Week related programs. The Library Director announced that the Volusia County Public Library was selected to be a participant in

next year's Big Read Grant Program with The Great Gatsby as the Big Read Committee's selection of material.

RFID/Self-Check Update: Lucinda Colee, Library Director, reported that the Volusia County Public Library is preparing to present to the County Council a \$500,000 project to RFID tag the entire physical collection, along with adding self-check out kiosks at eight (8) locations and self-check in book drops at two (2) library locations. There was discussion of current and future staffing levels of the Volusia County Public Library system.

Capital Improvements: Lucinda Colee, Library Director, reported to the Board that the renovation of the New Smyrna Beach Regional Library has been completed. The location received new paint, new carpeting, a revolving door entrance, and a newly renovated children's department. The John H Dickerson Public Library is scheduled to receive a new roof and exterior paint in the upcoming budget year. The Deltona Regional Library is scheduled to have improvements made to its "storefront" area to replace the old metal doors with new glass storefront doors that will open to the auditoriums for after-hours programming and other uses such as early voting.

Public Participation: A question from a member of the public was raised over the level of security currently in place at the various branches of the Volusia County Public Library. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, responded that there are currently security guards in place at the six (6) regional libraries as that is where most of the security problems occur, but in addition there are also security cameras at our other branch locations. Also, a large number of the staff have already attended Active Threat Training classes held by the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. These classes are designed to help staff know to respond if a threat emerges in a public place such as one of the library locations.

New Business: No new business at this time.

Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be on July 15th at the Library Support Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jake Teems