



## Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2022

Daytona Beach Regional Library

105 Jackie Robinson Pkwy

Daytona Beach, FL 32114

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### **Attending Members:**

- Louise Caccamise, District 1
- Marjorie Johnson, District 2
- Rev. Donald Needham, District 3
- Patsy Franklin, District 4
- Christy Jefferson, District 5
- Thomas Hart, At Large
- Debra Grabowski, At Large

### **Staff:**

- Lucinda Colee, Library Director
- Sharon Whitt, Recorder

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### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Thomas called meeting to order at 10:01am

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

- Don motioned to approve minutes
- Debra seconded.
- All in favor

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

#### **Appointments:**

Lucinda verified with deputy clerk, Karissa Green that all appointments are due to expire on 3/31/2023 and each current board member will receive an application for re-appointment. Lucinda encouraged board members to reach out and touch basis with the new county council member within each district that will appoint the library board member to the Library Advisory Board. There are 5 new county council members.

**Meeting Dates/Locations For 2023: (See Handout)**

January 20, 2023 Deland Regional Library, 130 E. Howry Ave., Deland, Fl. 32724

March 24, 2023 Port Orange Regional Library, 1005 City Center Cir., Port Orange, Fl. 32129

May 19, 2023 DeBary Public Library, 200 N. Charles R Beall Blvd., Debary, Fl. 32713

July 14, 2023 Library Support Center, 1290 Indian Lake Rd., Daytona Beach, Fl. 32124

September 15, 2023, Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave., Deltona, Fl. 32725

November 17, 2023, Ormond Beach Regional Library, 30 S Beach St., Ormond Beach, Fl. 32174

All Meeting dates are on Friday at 10:00am.

**Dickerson Library Update:**

Hurricane Nicole permanently damaged the Dickerson Library, but some technology equipment and furniture were salvaged and stored at the Library Support Center (LSC).

Lucinda reported it will be months before knowing FEMA requirements for rebuilding and/or renovation

The book collection was destroyed by the moisture that settled in after the storm because it was unsafe to get to the building due to flooding.

DVDs and Audio books were salvaged and removed to dry out at climate control at LSC.

Dickerson has been mitigated with removal of all the drywall, flooring, and furniture.

Marjorie asked if the library was able to move books ahead of a hurricane in the past.

Lucinda answered that books and library materials were never removed.

The difference between Dickerson and the Daytona Beach location was the company Serv Pro was able to dry out the books when Hurricane Irma damaged the Daytona Beach location because they were able to get to the books immediately right after the storm.

There is a portable currently on sight which will have a small collection of materials. Patrons will have access to pick up reservations, use public computers, and wifi. The portable will also have water and two available restrooms. The portable will be up and running once electrical installation is complete.

Christy asked if insurance will cover the replacement of books?

Lucinda answered yes after meeting the deductible. Funds from insurance and FEMA will cover book replacements.

Other libraries had minimal issues with water. There were no issues at the Orange City location despite the building's age over 100 years.

**Annual Statistics (See handout):**

Fiscal Year 2022 in Review: Numbers are climbing back to more normal library service statistics with the following:

-Visitors to the library – 1.1 million

-In house programs (outreach or passive programs not included in this amount) – 6,264, with 130,608 in attendance

- Public Access Computer Sessions – 127,198
  - Wireless Sessions (includes personal devices, smartphones) – 670,493
  - Website Visits – 2.3 million
  - Reference Questions (Includes walk-ins, telephone, email, and texts) – 409,172
  - Tech Training Sessions – 102,799
  - Physical Items Checked Out – 1.7 million
  - E-Items Checked Out – 656,571, This is much lower than FY 2021 because the state library is limiting electronic item use in a different way. These are only items that have an expiration date. This includes Hoopla because the items have an expiration date. Freegal, music would not be included because it is a streaming and download resource without due dates or a way to return the music.
  - Retrieval of Electronic information – 1,194,568
  - Total Electronic Content Use – 1,851,139
  - Total Collection use – 3,553,208
  - Active Borrowers – 160,116
  - New Cardholders – 9,067;
- The library works puts a lot of effort at getting an email address for a new cardholder and to remind new cardholders of all the library services and resources.

Don asked if patrons are able to opt out of including an email address on their account. Lucinda answered yes.

Lucinda mentioned that the library has increased its presence out in the community to bring awareness of library services. It is a challenge to find different avenues to advertise services and programs because of the inability to run ads in the local newspapers and press releases. Some run short articles after a program.

Marjorie has connections and will attempt to get the Daytona times to run library advertising.

Don commended the library for the services it provides at the Daytona Beach Airport. Lucinda explained that the library provides a “Books On the Fly” program managed by Raymond Leonard of the Ormond Beach Regional Library. The books come from the express book collection. Passengers are able to take a book during the trip and have access to 3 Hoopla checkouts with their email address and no library card.

When a passenger opens the airport’s wifi, the library’s website is the startup page. The program has been available for the past 2 years and has been getting much use.

**Career Online High School – Endowment Request:**

The program has had 5 graduates; 13 currently on scholarship and 23 candidates working on prerequisites to qualify for full entry into the program.

The program was funded by state legislature; however, it was part of the largest veto by a Florida governor in history. The original request amount was \$750,000 but the state legislature saw the value of the program and increased the request to \$2million. It was vetoed by the governor as part

of a large budget reduction and has been withdrawn from the library's website. There will not be any further requests to enter into the program because the library is currently unable to support future applicants.

The request will go back to the state legislature for next year, but in the meantime the library has run out of funding and is requesting \$21900 from the library endowment to the library fund to continue program through the current fiscal year 2023 with hopes that the state legislature will fund it for FY 2024, but if not, Lucinda will look for corporate funding or other ways to continue this important program.

The request to release from endowment funds must be approved by the Library Board before it goes to county council.

The funding will be on the consent agenda item.

Don moved motion to discuss request. Christy seconded. All in favor.

Lucinda presented Thomas Hart with a form for signature that all board members are in agreement with the request to withdraw funding from the library endowment fund.

Christy asked what is the total amount currently in the endowment fund.

Lucinda answered \$463,000.

Don would like to have one of the graduates attend the next Library Advisory Board meeting.

Tom encourages Library Board members to attend graduations.

Career Source and Volusia Literacy Council have referred candidates to the Career Online High School Program.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None

### **BOARD DISCUSSION:**

Debra asked if the council has finalized the decision to discontinue library fines.

Lucinda answered yes, it was presented to council as a budget presentation and there was no discussion.

Christy asked inquired on an update regarding the school board partnership for student library accounts.

Lucinda answered that the school board is dealing with other issues regarding materials so the partnership is on hold at this time.

Christy requested use of the library public interior space for the planned December 4<sup>th</sup> concert on Sunday at 2:00pm.

Lucinda will check with Anne on the availability of the auditorium.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:39am

Next meeting scheduled: Friday, January 20, 2022 at 10:00am.

Location: Deland Regional Library, 130 E Howry Ave. Deland, Fl. 32724