

Minutes of the Volusia County Library Advisory Board Meeting
May 11th, 2012
Deltona Regional Library

Members:

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

Staff:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director
Chelsea Harrison, Recorder
Suzan Howes, Deltona Regional Librarian
Brook White, Daytona Beach Regional Librarian

Neil Harrington, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

All the board members were present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Neil Harrington, Chair, made a motion to accept the minutes. Donald Needham, At-Large, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report:

V-Smart Users Conference:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, informed the board about the V-Users (Library's integrated library system software) Conference that was hosted at the Daytona Beach Regional Library. Anne Powers is President of the User Group and this has been very beneficial because it gives VCPL a voice in the upcoming changes that will be made to V-Smart. The attendees stayed at the Florida Shores Resort and went to Cracker Creek, the Marine Science Center, the Lighthouse, NASCAR, and Malibu Beach Grill. Neil Harrington, Chair, asked if someone from VCPL would attend the next conference. We will request permission to send Anne Powers, IT Librarian to the next conference.

Money Smart Week – 4/21-4/28:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, presented a handout about Money Smart Week. While there was not a large turnout for all of the programs, the content was excellent. Neil Harrington, Chair, asked if the programs were being videotaped. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, answered no. Melissa Reynolds, Regional Librarian and Linda Dahlquist, Paralibrarian, took the lead with Project Compass to create these programs. Donald Needham, At-Large, suggested contacting SCORE and Junior Achievement for help with upcoming projects.

Library Cooperatives State Funding Cut:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, informed the board that Governor Rick Scott vetoed State Funding for Library Cooperatives. This funding provided a good portion of the training that VCPL staff participates in. NEFLIN will use reserve funds to balance their budget. The true impact will be in the smaller rural libraries that depend on the funding to put their records in the OCLC database. NEFLIN also has an OverDrive eBook subscription for areas that have a

population lower than 100,000 residents. Libraries and communities must work together to make sure that the Governor understands the importance of these library cooperatives. Personal letters written to the Governor and his office are encouraged. Donald Needham, At-Large, made a resolution that the County Library Advisory Board supports the restoration of the State Funding of the multi-type Library Cooperative. Chris Hartley, District IV, seconded the resolution. The resolution was unanimously approved.

Library Budget 5-Year Forecast:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, presented the Mini Budget workshop, please see attached. Neil Harrington, Chair, asked if hours would be reduced. Library Director Colee stated no plans are in discussion to reduce hours. He feels that the library needs to show that the cuts have been made. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, stated that VCPL did not go to roll back last year and the recommendation is to stay flat this year. Chris Hartley, District IV, stated that he was concerned about the lack of raises for the next five years. Lucinda Colee responded that the County Manager will not make his recommendation until July 1st. Neil Harrington, Chair, asked about insurance increases. Property insurance is expected to remain at the same rate.

Both budget forecasts show a budget of half a million dollars to maintain the facilities. Projects are planned each year to continue with capital improvements. Donald Needham, At-Large, asked about volunteer hours. Lucinda Colee answered that VCPL has increased 4% from the last fiscal year, with over 75,000 volunteer hours.

Reciprocal Borrowing Agreements and Electronic Resources:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, informed the board that she was waiting on approval from the purchasing department to add Freading downloadable books to the collection. All patrons would have access to 20,000 titles and VCPL would pay per download. Freading would not overlap with OverDrive as they have different titles available. Currently, the needs of the electronic users are not being met. Some neighboring counties do not have OverDrive and are sending their patrons to VCPL. This is adding to the hold lists being sometimes very long. Additionally, the price of eBooks has increased substantially and some publishers will not sell to libraries anymore. Due to limited funds this is a real issue continuing to be reviewed.

Lucinda Colee recommends rewriting the reciprocal agreements to exclude electronic resources, with the exception of databases. The agreements would be continued for the physical collections, but in order to use the digital they would need to either purchase a card or pay a fee. Neil Harrington, Chair, asked if VCPL benefited from the agreements. Lucinda Colee answered that on the electronic front there is not a benefit because they do not have the collections that we have available. Reciprocal borrowers having the same library privileges are preventing Volusia County residents from accessing digital media. Alachua County has already stopped allowing reciprocal borrowers from accessing their digital media. The consensus of the board is that they would like Lucinda Colee to do a study and report the different options available at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Meeting with Representative:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, has scheduled a meeting with State Representative, Dwayne Taylor, on Friday, June 8th at 11:00 am at 1020 W. ISB in Daytona Beach. The meeting will be about the State Funding that was vetoed by Governor Rick Scott. Neil Harrington, Chair, also felt that it was important to foster relationships with the County Council.

Holly Hill Lending Machine Stats:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, presented the Lending Machine statistics to the board, please see attached. Donald Needham, At-Large, asked where the machines would go if they were not at the Holly Hill location. Lucinda Colee answered that there are four locations at existing libraries that are being considered. Existing collections would be used and the machines would be reconfigured to hold books and DVDs. Sue Lombardi, District V, asked how the figures compare to the Holly Hill Library before it closed. Most patrons have moved on to Ormond Beach or Daytona Beach, therefore the machines are not being used nearly as much.

Donald Needham, At-Large, made a motion based on the evidence presented to terminate the arrangement with Holly Hill as soon as possible and to move the machines to different locations. Jean Fletcher, District I, seconded the motion and the motion passed, with Sue Lombardi, District V voting no. Lucinda Colee informed the board that this would only be the beginning of the process.

Library Use Statistics:

Lucinda Colee, Library Director, presented the first and second quarter of this fiscal year library use statistics, per the request of Chris Hartley, District IV, please see attached. Wireless access usage is huge and unable to be tracked at this time. WiFi is only available during library hours due to security concerns with patrons sitting in unattended parking lots at night.

New Business:

Sue Lombardi, District V, asked if the DeBary paintings are a part of Art in Public Places. If they aren't, then she would like to see them replaced. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, will look into it.

Sue Lombardi, District V, asked about *Fifty Shades of Grey*. There are 249 reservations on the print copy and well over 100 reservations on the eBook. The titles were selected within VCPL Collection Development policy and were on the NY Times Best Sellers List. The only restriction that VCPL has is the parental restriction on Adult DVDs, however most cards are not restricted. The library does not act in place of the parent and Lucinda Colee, Library Director, has not received any complaints and there is a review process in library policy for items that patrons object to. The series is classified as erotic fiction and there are many titles in the collection within this genre.

Public Participation:

Gateway Center for the Arts – Christina Scandura:

Smithsonian Program – Journey Stories:

Christina Scandur, volunteer at the Gateway Center for the Arts, informed the board at they were the recipients of an exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution dealing with migration to Florida

that will be showcased in September. She would like the libraries to promote this exhibit through hand outs and possibly programs dealing with early Florida history.

Neil Harrington, Chair, endorsed the ECHO program.

Jerry Lombardi is very upset that the *Fifty Shades of Grey* books are on library shelves. He does not feel that his tax money should go toward erotica and he will be calling an emergency meeting of the DeBary Library Association to make a recommendation on the series. Robert Clinton, District III, stated that if every book that someone had an issue with was taken off of the shelves, then they would be empty. Lucinda Colee, Library Director, stated that the books were number one on the NY Time Best Seller list and that there are many patron requests for them.

Jerry Lombardi announced that the Debary Public Library Association switched out the tables in the DeBary Library for \$12,000.

Adjournment:

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be on July 13th at the Library Support Center at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Chelsea Harrison

