



NEW PORT RICHEY
**PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

Monday, June 24, 2024
New Port Richey Public
Library
Magnolia Room
9:30 a.m.

*Enter by ringing doorbell
at staff door, located near
handicap parking.

- I. Call to Order/Quorum
- II. Review and Approval of May Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Officer/Committee Report
 - a. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board (Ron Becker)
 - b. Friends of the Library (Nancy Cote)
 - c. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart)
 - FLA-Florida Library Fun Facts
- V. New Business
 - a. DLIS State Libraries Funding Update
 - b. Mobile Library Branch Initiative
- VI. Continuing Business
 - a. City Centennial Updates
 - b. Little Free Libraries
 - c. Circulation and Programming Statistics, May
- VII. Next Meeting July 29, 2024
- VIII. Adjournment

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Library Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2024

In Attendance: Ron Becker, Nancy Cote, Nicholas Pacini, Renee Tyner, Jayne Brewin, Joyce Haasnoot, Youth Librarian Jessica Meredith, Joan Nelson Hook, Marci Mihall, Lewis Curtwright and Andi Figart were absent.

- I. **Call to Order:** 9:36 a.m. by Ron Becker. A quorum was met.
- II. **Minutes:** The April 2024 minutes were unanimously accepted.
- III. **Public Comment:** None
- IV. **Officer/Committee Reports:**
 - Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative (Nancy Cote)
 - Nancy Cote attended the last meeting in place of Ron Becker. Updated on any Sunshine Law rules that they reviewed at the meeting.
 - The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Nancy Cote)
 - Nancy reported that the Friends made approximately \$90 and recruited one new member at the Main Street Wine Stroll.
 - Updated on Friends events coming up. Bookish Tea Party, Volunteering at Kids to Parks Day.
 - Library Director's Update (Jessica Meredith)
 - Reviewed upcoming activities hosted by the library. Including the summer kick off Touch-a-Truck event on June 1st.
 - Reviewed the upcoming film festival.
- V. **Continuing Business:**
 - The Little Free Libraries are still doing well and books are always needed. If anyone has space to store books let FOL know as their current storage space is limited.
 - Bonnie Martin gave updates on the City Centennial planning. Events are being solidified and will be added to the city calendar.
 - Nicholas Pacini reviewed the social media statistics. There was a brief discussion on adding a year-to-date chart to the statistics. Clarification was asked regarding the checkouts listed on the chart:
 - Normal = Check out at the Circulation Desk
 - Self-Checkout= Check out by the person at the kiosk
 - In Library = Anything scannable that is not checked out. For example, a book taken off the shelf and read here in the library.
 - In Library (Bulk) = Seed Library checkouts
- VI. **New Business:**
 - Jessica Meredith gave additional clarification on the new social media policy for the city. She informed the board that comments are not allowed on any social media posts and staff cannot reply to direct messages. As a result, the library

social media statistics will continue to decrease. Only individual event pages that are created as well as paid boost posts, will allow for comments. The city has set up an automatic reply message with our phone number and who to contact if they need specific information. It was suggested to pin the social media policy to the library social media pages.

- The Reconsideration Policy was reviewed and approved. There were two additions. The updated form asks if the person completing the form is a city resident and includes additional verbiage on the policy while the library material is under review. Nick Pacini motioned for approval, Bonnie Martin seconded.

VII. Communications:

- The next meeting will be June 24, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at the library.

VIII. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Florida Library Facts

Floridians love their libraries. Over 57 percent of Floridians have library cards. That's more than 12.3 million people. *2018-19 - Florida Department of State.*

Floridians really enjoy reading. Florida libraries circulated over 99 million items – books, cds, dvds, etc., in 2018-19.

Books, music and movies. There are over 41 million items in Florida public libraries. Of these, over 10.4 million are e-books, 1.6 million are audio and 3.4 million are video.

Floridians vote for libraries with their feet. Florida residents visited public libraries about 62.6 million times in 2018-19 for an average of over 2.9 visits per person.

Libraries help children learn and prepare them for school. Libraries help young children learn to read and help parents and caregivers learn to support that learning. Florida libraries conducted over 116,240 programs for children in 2018-19 with over 3.3 million children attending – and children checked out over 31 million items!

Floridians come to libraries for technology and job search. There are over 17,290 public access computers available in Florida libraries. Floridians used these computers 13.2 million times in 2018-19 and over 2.9 million Floridians received technology instruction in libraries. Frequently use is for job seeking! Many libraries offer free wireless access.

Many Floridians use libraries from their home, school or office. Floridians visited library websites over 74.8 million times in 2018-19, using services like the Florida Electronic Library that offer electronic information and online help.

Librarians help you find what you're looking for. Library staff answered over 18.4 million reference questions in 2018-19 and 427,000 of those questions were answered using online reference services.

For many, the library is their lifeline to essential government services. Library staff help the public transact their E-Government business using library computers for services including Unemployment Compensation, Medicare, Fla. Dept. of Children and Families, immigration, and the IRS. Library staff are important members of disaster management teams and following disasters, library computers help survivors locate family members and apply for insurance and assistance.

91% of Americans say public libraries are important to their communities. "Library Services in the Digital Age," *Pew Internet & American Life Project, January 2013.*

Florida libraries are efficient. Florida libraries served the public at an average cost of \$28.89 per person in 2018-19 compared with a national average of \$44.89 2019. *IMLS.*

Good return on investment. Florida's public libraries return at least \$10.18 for every \$1 invested. 2013 - *Florida Department of State.*

Circulation and Programming Stats

Data taken from 5/1 - 5/31



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Circulation / Reserve Statistics

Started: Friday, June 21, 2024 at 12:15:35 PM EDT

Finished: Friday, June 21, 2024 at 12:15:37 PM EDT

Duration: 2 seconds

Report criteria:

- Data Type: Circulations.
- Date: Wednesday May 1 2024 through the end of Friday May 31 2024.
- Time Division: Month.
- By Circulation Type.
- Include In-Library.
- Exclude Renewals.
- By Checked Out.

Circulation Results

	5/2024	Totals
Normal	2818	2818
Self-Check	2571	2571
In-Library	333	333
In-Library (Bulk)	444	444
	6166	6166



Program Statistics

Passive Programs:

3 Programs
321 Participants

In-Person Programming:

71 Programs
1,719 Attendees

Door Count:

8,231 people