

Library Advisory Board Meeting June 2021

In Attendance: Joan Hook, Marci Mihall, Peter Segall, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Ron Becker, Mark Vandebroek, and Andi Figart

I. **Call to Order:** 9:30 a.m. by Chairwoman Joan Hook

II. **Minutes:** The May 2021 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. **Public Comment:** None

IV. **Officer/Committee Report:**

A. Pasco County Library Advisory Board & Library Cooperative Board (Ron Becker) -

The Cooperative took a tour of the **Starkey Park Theatre and Library**. It is a state of the art facility with co-located services, an adjacent art center and an educational complex. The Starkey Park library will have a soft opening August 2nd. The Cooperative will meet again in September.

B. The Friends of the New Port Richey Library (Bonnie Martin) -

- The **time capsule** has been paid for and delivered to our library for installation during the renovation period.
- There are Friends of the Library members who would like to volunteer at the library or for library events.

C. Library Director's Update (Andi Figart) -

- The **Summer Reading program** is going very well. The theme is "Get Local" and the programs are being held at our local City parks and businesses. Parents have given positive feedback about the in-person events vs. internet meetings.
- The **renovations** are proceeding and some sections will be completed by the end of July. The library staff are still working on matching funding with the FF&E wishlist. We may use previous furnishings when the re-model is completed. The library will close for about one week when the downstairs renovations begin. All downstairs equipment and collections will be moved upstairs during that week.
- The **Tampa Bay Library Consortium** received American CARES funding and has offered to purchase a sanitary kiosk for our library entrance. It can be set to automatically register a person's temperature, provide sanitary supplies, and present a slideshow of library and City related announcements
- Our library presented information at a virtual Florida Food Policy Meeting about our **seed library**. Andi presented an overview of the Library's Sustainability related projects and how this relates to the City's sustainability initiatives. Then, a wonderful video made by Jeff McGill, and presented by Stephanie Jones was shared. It can be seen on YouTube by searching "New Port Richey Public Library".
- Andi "**Library Express Lockers**" **presentation** was provided virtually to Library Directors across the State of FL and was well-received.
- The **library benches** have been ordered and will be stored until more of the renovation is completed. The text to will be placed on the benches are: A Land Remembered by Patrick Smith (approved) and David Copperfield by Charles Dickens (not yet approved).

- The **library was audited** by the State Library Dept. re: the use of State funding. The audit was successfully completed and passed.
- Some staff attended “**Stop the Bleed**” training provided by the NPR Fire Dept. Kits were installed in the library with an ADT machine.
- There are a few more part-time **library positions** open.
- We received two thousand dollars more than previously anticipated in this year’s for **State funding**.
- The **Youth** Librarian is working on ways to better network with the local High Schools and Middle Schools.

V. Continuing Business: The LAB reviewed the **City Ordinance 2.11-2.233** of Chpt. 2, Article VII revisions which refer to the Library and the LAB. The LAB unanimously approved the revisions. These recommended ordinance changes will be presented to the City Manager.

VI. New Business:

A. The Annual Plan of Service was reviewed. The October 1, 2021 - Sept. 30, 2022 was already approved. Discussion will continue next month.

B. The future of libraries was discussed and the following observations were shared:

1. Inclusion of co-located community services
2. Increase availability of technological programs and databases
3. Libraries specializing their services for a specific group (i.e.: focus on youth services) or programs (i.e.: technology)

C. Discussion about a logo for LAB correspondence ended with agreement that we use the New Port Richey Public Library logo with LAB added.

VII. Next Meeting: July 26, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers

VIII. Adjourn: By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie M. Martin

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary