

# Library Advisory Board Meeting

## August 23, 2021

**In Attendance:** Joan Hook, Marci Mihall, Peter Segall, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Ron Becker, and Andi Figart **Guest:** Jessica Meredith, Youth Librarian

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

**II. Minutes:** The June and July meeting 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 will meet again in September. The Starkey Ranch library is open. The LAB will meet there next month.
- The LAB is encouraged to support and promote the Build America's Libraries Act (Bills are S127 and HR1581). It is possible this federal funding may be rolled into the stimulus bill. The Act content was presented and it was noted that an easy-to-complete letter is on the ALA website. Ron will email the site url.

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

- The FOL will meet at the Elfers CARES Center today and a sidewalk brick will be installed which bears the group's name.
- The benches have arrived and are being stored at the City's Public Works Dept. They will be installed when the library entrance renovations are complete.

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

- The library is preparing to submit the first part of their application for the State funding grant. This first part is due by Oct. 1st and the library is set to meet the deadline.
- The library has applied for an FCC grant - Emergency Connectivity Fund. If awarded, the funds will pay for 75 electronic tablets and hotspots.
- The library is increasing their partnership with the West Pasco Historical Society.

**V. Continuing Business:**

**A. Library Related Ordinance Revisions -** The LAB recommended changes were reviewed by the city attorney and presented at this meeting. The LAB membership will change from 7 to 9 regular voting members with no alternates. This will change the quorum for meetings from 4 to 5. The revisions will come up for a first reading at the City Council meeting on September 7th. The second reading will be on September 21st. The LAB members are encouraged to be present at the readings.

**B. Library Renovations Update -**

- The library will be closed for one week starting today. When it reopens, patrons will need to enter through the side door to access collections which will be temporarily located upstairs.
- The interior of the elevator will be undergoing a facelift.
- Library staff are in the process of choosing furnishings.
- The drive-up book drop is broken and a new one has been ordered.

## VI. New Business:

### A. Summer Library Challenge Presentation & Report (Jessica Meredith) -

A handout of the summer data included the following partial list:

- There were 169 participants
- 173 local activities were completed
- 260 take & make crafts were enjoyed
- 1,742 people attended summer events
- There were 30 events for kids, teens, and families
- 17 events were held for adults.
- 7 events were offered virtually.

With the pandemic and renovations going on at the same time, the summer challenge was also a challenge to develop. To meet the needs of the community, "Get Local" was the theme and presented a safer way to hold in person events. The summer events were held at local venues and allowed patrons to explore and support the downtown community. They also tied in the NPR Recreation Center, Tasty Tuesday, and the Storywalk.

Some attendees came from other communities which were not holding summer library events and they, as well as locals, made grateful comments about the summer programming - especially the in person component.

### B. StoryWalk - The posts will host a new story It's A Tiger.

### C. PACK - The PACK summer camp for disabled children was the recipient of some of our summer activities. They followed-up with a Thank You letter to our Youth Librarian and a donation to the FOL.

### D. Culver's Night - The library received a \$65.00 donation from the event.

### E. Reopening Celebration - After renovations are complete, a celebration will be planned. LAB members were encouraged to think of ideas for the event.

### F. Little Free Libraries - It was suggested that a little library post would be beneficial if placed in the Jasmin Park. Joan will discuss it with the Parks and Recreation Dept.

**VII. Next Meeting:** Sept. 27, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at Starkey Ranch Library.

**VIII. Adjourn:** By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie M. Martin*

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary