

# Library Advisory Board Meeting

## September 27, 2021

**In Attendance:** Joan Hook, Jayne Brewin, Bonnie Martin, Mark Vandebroek, and Andi Figart.  
Guest: Jessica Meredith, Youth Librarian

*Prior to our meeting we took a tour of the Starkey Ranch Theatre Library Cultural Center. Mary Beth Isaacson, Regional Branch Manager, provided the tour and narration. Our meeting followed and was conducted in one of the meeting rooms.*

**I. Call to Order:** 10:39 a.m. by Chairwoman Joan Hook. Quorum was met.

**II. Minutes:** The August 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) -**

- Positive responses from legislators were received re: last month's advocacy letters.

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

- The FOL received a letter from the Librarian of Congress. She congratulated our library on its centennial anniversary. Bonnie will share the letter with the City Council on Oct. 19th.
- The National Friends of the Library Week is Oct. 17th - 23rd. On the 19th, the New Port Richey Mayor will read a resolution at the City Council meeting. LAB and FOL members are encouraged to attend and sit together.

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

- The online high school diploma program was again funded by the State. There are 10 scholarships currently available for local residents.
- The library has again been awarded Fresh Access Bucks. These funds, when coupled with SNAP funds at Tasty Tuesday, will double the customer's purchasing power.
- Our library will present a program about our seed library. This will occur at the Tampa Bay Urban Food Sovereignty Summit held in October at the University of South Florida.
- Our Youth Librarian, Jessica Meredith, provided a Storytime at the Premiere Healthcare Open House.
- The publishers have not responded to Andi's requests for bench printing permission. The New Port Richey Library Foundation will approve their bench for installation without print if necessary.
- Our library's first part of the State Funding Grant request has been submitted.
- The renovation progress was summarized by Andi and is moving along. The solar panels will be installed this week.
- Discussion and suggestions ensued re: plans for a Grand Opening event once the renovations are completed.

### **V. Continuing Business:**

Library Related Ordinance Revisions - The LAB recommended changes were approved by the City Council on September 21st. 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.

**VI. New Business:** A motion was made to cancel the November and December LAB meetings this year. It passed unanimously.

**VII. Next Meeting:** October 25, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. in City Council Chambers.

**VIII. Adjourn:** By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie M. Martin*

Bonnie M. Martin, Secretary