

Durham County Library Board of Trustees
Tuesday, October 6, 2009
Meeting Room, North Regional Library

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Al Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
- II. **Roll Call:** Present: Tatia Ash, Joe Hewitt, Allan Lang, Al Roberts, Michael Schoenfeld, Joyce Sykes, Beck Tench and Elsa Woods, Trustees; Dr. Wendell Musser, Friends of the Library Liaison; and Skip Auld, Lakesia Farmer, Catherine Mau and Susan Wright, Library staff

Absent: Dotty Reid, Trustee; Placide Barada, Foundation Liaison; and Becky Heron, BOCC Liaison
- III. **Approval of the Agenda:** The agenda was unanimously approved as written.
- IV. **Approval of the September Minutes:** The minutes for the September meeting were unanimously approved as written following a motion by Mr. Lang and a second by Ms. Woods.
- V. **Public Comments:** none
- VI. **Communications:** Ms. Farmer circulated the Clips Report which included a lot of coverage for Durham Reads Together, Invest Your Best: College and Beyond and Banned Books on Stage.
 - The Durham Reads Together (DRT) kickoff went well with 50 copies of the book Something for the Pain by Dr. Paul Austin being given out at the various locations. Ms. Farmer distributed copies of the DRT brochure and bookmark.
 - The opening DRT program had over 45 people in attendance including Dr. Austin.
 - All library staff were given scrub shirts – with the DRT logo and title of the book – to wear during October.
 - There were 75 people present for the October 1st event with best-selling author Sue Monk Kidd and her daughter Ann Kidd Taylor where they read from their new work Traveling with Pomegranates and answered questions from the audience.
 - Invest Your Best workshops are underway and will be offered again in the spring.
- VII. **Announcements:** Mr. Auld announced that several library staff will be attending the North Carolina Library Association Conference in Greenville October 6 – 9, 2009.
- VIII. **Manager's Report:** Ms. Wright highlighted some of North Regional Library's accomplishments. To name a few:
 - They have a very creative and talented staff and a host of great volunteers.
 - Their Friends book sale cart sells the most of any location, including Main.
 - Their children's programs have the highest attendance and often have standing room only crowds.
 - Their teen programs are popular as well boasting a teen cooking program with top of the line culinary materials. Several programs are offered for adults, with ballroom dancing being among the most popular.
- IX. **Financial Report:** none
- X. **Committee & External Reports:**
 - **Board Development & Evaluation** (Ms. Ash): The Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 9 am to 1pm at the East Regional Library. The retreat will cover the topics that were not discussed in the previous retreat. Send any additional agenda topics to Ms. Ash by Friday.

Next Meeting: To be determined

- **Facilities & Standards** (Ms. Woods): There was not a quorum at the last meeting, but the committee is looking at the library's standards and comparing them to other libraries in NC and other places. Specific areas that will be reviewed are collection size, technology and programming.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 6th at 8:30 am at Guglhupf's

- **Information Technology** (Mr. Hewitt): The committee did not meet, but will discuss assistive technologies at its next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 2nd at 12 noon at Bruegger's on Ninth Street

- **Planning & Budget** (Mr. Lang): no meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28th at 3 pm, Main Library Board Room

- **Policies** (Mrs. Sykes): no report

Next Meeting: To Be Announced

- **County Commissioners** (Commissioner Heron): no report

- **Library Foundation** (Mrs. Barada): no report

- **Friends of the Library** (Dr. Musser): The next Friends book sale will be October 16th – 18th. The Book Nook in American Tobacco continues to do well. The Friends are investigating a possible collaboration with the Duke Friends and are discussing the feasibility of offering a kiosk at Duke Hospital similar to the Book Nook.

- **Staff Liaison** (Mrs. Farmer): In an effort to help library staff identify members of the library family, individual photographs will be taken of board members and posted on the staff web. Pictures will be taken at the November board meeting.

XI. **Old Business:** At the September board meeting, the issue of loitering was raised. This discussion will be continued at the November board meeting.

XII. **New Business:** none

XIII. **Director's Report:** Mr. Auld announced that he and Commissioner Michael Page will be attending the Urban Libraries Council Partners for Success Conference which will be held in Nashville, TN in early December.

XIV. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm following a motion by Mrs. Sykes and a second by Ms. Woods.

After the meeting, the trustees met in closed session to decide the winner of the Trustees Award.

NEXT MEETINGS: November 3, 2009 (East Regional Library, 211 Lick Creek Lane) at 6:00 pm
No December meeting