

**DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**MAIN LIBRARY and VIA ZOOM CALL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hank Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Mrinmay Biswas, Miguel Jackson, Hank Kinsley, Ann McLain, Luis Olivieri-Robert, Camilla Meek, kynita stringer-stanback, Willis Whichard

Friends Liaison: Monika Tillman-DeWitt

Absent: Katie Kaefer

Staff: Tammy Baggett, Anita Robinson

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve August minutes: W. Whichard Second: M. Jackson  
Minutes approved unanimously.

**II. OLD BUSINESS**

Committee Description for Website (**T. Baggett**)

The board reviewed the draft advocacy committee description document and provided suggestions for additional language and revisions.

New library statistics were previously emailed to board members for educational purposes.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**Committee Updates (H. Kinsley)**

**Advocacy Report (W. Whichard)**

Advocacy Committee has not met.

**Art Committee (M. Biswas)**

Art Committee has not met. A report was not given at this time.

**Board Development & Evaluation Committee (H. Kinsley)**

Board Development & Evaluation Committee is brainstorming ideas for board education.

**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**Durham County Library Foundation Report (W. Whichard)**

Foundation met on Monday and reviewed programs the Foundation has funded for 2021-2022. Grant funding and library humanities programming were also included in the review.

### **Friends of the Library (M. Tillman-DeWitt)**

The Friends sponsored a successful book sale with a profit of approximately \$5,000.00 in sales. There were also over 500 new memberships signed up. The Friends are accepting staff applications for scholarships. The next big sale will be held in November. A future pop-up CD sale will be held at Southwest Regional.

### **Library Reports (T. Baggett)**

Ms. Baggett shared highlights from location reports with the board.

#### Community Engagement

##### Accessibility Services

- Continue working with Library Marketing to develop Main Library Social Narrative to assist new visitors with disabilities in what to expect when they visit, including pictures and descriptions.
- Developed a DIY Sensory Kit program in conjunction with Main STEAM Services- will continue monthly through the end of the year with different themes and crafts planned.
- Executed quarterly and annual detail maintenance in MSE and Sensory Calming Room.

##### Technology Mobile

- Continue working with Library Marketing to develop Main Library Social Narrative to assist new visitors with disabilities in what to expect when they visit, including pictures and descriptions.

##### Family Literacy and Community Services

- Summer lunch concluded.

##### Spanish Speaking Services

- Working on getting staff set up and programs resumed.
- Developing partnerships with community organizations.

##### Technology Mobile

- Working with STEAM to develop technology curriculum kits
- Working with Marketing to create more user friendly and complete guides on requirements and offerings from this resource

#### East Regional

- Relax and read with a dog! This program brings dogs and reluctant readers together for 20 minutes of companionship. Handlers and their dogs provide quiet encouragement to children so that they might develop a love of reading and improve communication skills. Canines for Literacy is an affiliate program of Reading Education Assistance Dogs® (R.E.A.D.®).
- This program is now being offered at both the Southwest and East Regional Libraries

#### Main

##### Children's

1. Play Dough Creations
2. Create-a-Craft Time
3. Midweek Art Project
4. Lego Adventures
5. Our Good Memories Map/Nuestro mapa de los buenos momentos
6. Readers Theatre After School
7. Tween Gaming and Fun Hour
8. Full STEAM Ahead: Ocean Exploration
9. Donut Storytime at Monuts

### Teens

The teen unit took a programming break to focus on new ideas and collaborations. The team has great ideas they will implement in the fall and new year.

The unit participated in outreach events - DPS Teacher Bash Outreach at Southern High School and Crayons2Calculators & the DPS Foundation.

### Adult and Business Services

A job fair was held at Main. There were 175 attendees, 19 employers/educators.

### North Carolina Collection

- To honor Durham's September Pride celebration, the NCC created a digital exhibit highlighting early events in Durham's pride history.
- We continue to have a lot of success with our participation in the National Archives' "Archives Hashtag Party" event each month.
- This month the theme was #ArchivesSports and we highlighted the "Secret Basketball Game" played between white and black Duke and NCCU players in the 1940s.

### Southwest Regional

Upcoming Events:

- September is Deaf Awareness Month – Learn the ASL Alphabet – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Name Change Clinic w/NCCU Law Students – Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>
- Talking to Kids about Climate Change – Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>
- Plant Swap – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>

### South Regional

South Regional continues to create awesome displays throughout the library. August displays were highlighted.

### **Action Items (A. Robinson)**

- Email Ms. Robinson with any additions to the advocacy committee website description.
- Ms. Baggett will forward Foundation information to Ms. Robinson for distribution to board members.
- Ms. Baggett will forward statistics on 2-star to 5-star daycares and bookmobile and OASIS stops.
- Ms. Robinson will follow up with website descriptions.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn: Ms. Meeks Second: Mr. Whichard

The next meeting will be held October 20, 2022 at Main Library and via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.