CALL TO ORDER

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


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. 17th
- Name Change Clinic w/NCCU Law Students – Sept. 17th
- Talking to Kids about Climate Change – Sept. 21st
- Plant Swap – Sept. 24th

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.