

DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023
6:00 p.m.
MAIN LIBRARY and VIA ZOOM CALL

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hank Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Mrinmay Biswas, Miguel Jackson, Hank Kinsley, Ann McLain, Carl Newman, Luis Olivieri-Robert, Willis Whichard

Absent: Katie Kaefer, kynita stringer-stanback

Friends Liaison: Monika Tillman-DeWitt

Staff: Tammy Baggett, Anita Robinson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve February minutes: W. Whichard Second: A. McLain
Minutes approved unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Letter in support of funding is due to Ms. Baggett by next week.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Ethics training dates are available. Ms. Robinson will forward information to board members.

Meeting details will be reviewed and bylaws may need to be amended to meet requirements. The Governor's Order will be lifted May 11 ending public health emergency. The board is moving in the direction of resuming in-person meetings beginning Thursday May 18.

Committee Updates (W. Whichard)

Advocacy Report

Advocacy Committee has not met. Mr. Whichard shared the committee would like to move toward planning an advocacy breakfast at Main in the fall. Mr. Newman will join the advocacy committee.

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 has not met. Mr. Kinsley suggested the board retreat be held in the fall and planning begin end of summer.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Durham County Library Foundation Report (W. Whichard)

Foundation met and reviewed financial statements. The Foundation will host “How a Rhyming Engineer Became a Best-Selling Author” featuring Catherine and Henry Petroski, Sunday March 26 at 3:00 pm. The event will be held at Main Library auditorium.

The Foundation will hold a “friend raiser” event Saturday, April 29, at 7:00-10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75.00 “so that everything else can be free.

Friends of the Library (M. Tillman-DeWitt)

Friends are revamping their website and advertising to fill vacant board openings. The Friends book sale was held in February and raised over \$6,000.00. CD sale will be held Saturday, March 18 at Main library.

Library Reports (T. Baggett)

- Bragtown held beginners sewing programs.
- East Regional - Maria Ramirez, DCoL’s Spanish Speaking Coordinator, partnered with the Children’s Department to present the first of many bilingual storytimes. Storytimes will occur the 2nd Friday of each month and will have books, songs and activities in both English and Spanish.
- Main held a Valentine’s workshop; preschool storytime; Take your Child to the Library Day; bilingual storytime, scavenger hunt, take and make; First Presbyterian outreach; and toddler storytime.
- STEAM activities included EK Powe Afterschool 3D printing; Out Law LGBTQ Legal Clinic: Name changes; Garden Lecture: Home Fundamentals with Home Repair Lab; and Tween STEAM Program: Water Conservation.
- Main Adult and Business Services held Expert Advice with La-Tasha Best-Gaddy; Mind Body and Wellness; Midday Meetup; Expert Advice with LaShon Harley; Pull Up at Provident1898: Black History Month edition; Kidney Smart Education Class; Justice Matters Pro Se Center; Works Veteran Outreach; Prenatal Yoga; and AARP tax-aide tax prep.
- NC Collection hosted a North Carolina Central University senior seminar to use collection material. The class received a grant to research and build a website on Durham Green Book sites. The Friends of Geer Cemetery organization visited the NCC to conduct and learn about archival research.
- North Regional held Morning and Evening Crochet Club; Entrepreneur’s Book Club; Teen Homeschool Game Day; and bilingual storytime.
- South Regional Children’s Programming/Outreach hosted storytime; book clubs ; Kidz Movie Matinee: Lego Movie, Shrek, Dora the Explorer, and Encanto; Kidz Poll: Lego Movies vs Shrek and Dora the Explorer vs Encanto; African Kingdoms Scavenger Hunt.
- South Regional Teen Programming/Outreach hosted Fakemon Creations; Teen Gaming Hour; DIY Buttons; Mardi Gras Masks; Silent Library; and OTAKU Anime Club.
- South Regional Adult Programming hosted Homebuying Seminar; Homeselling Seminar; Overcoming Stress in Our Daily Lives; and Fiction Book Club.

Southwest Regional Program and Display Highlights: 13 Passive Programs with 1393 participants; Guessing Games; Scavenger Hunts; Teen Book Subscription Bags; children’s and adult activity packets Why I Love My Library; 77 In-Person Programs with 1918 participants; storytimes; STEAM Kids programs; health programs; restorative yoga, Heartfulness Meditation and line dancing; teen DIY crafts; and kids, Teen and Adult Book Clubs

Spring Staff Development Day will be held at Main Wednesday, May 17 and Thursday, May 18. Fall Staff Development Day will be held in October.

Closing Comments

Ms. McLain commended staff for their calm demeanor and helpfulness during outages.

Action Items (A. Robinson)

- Ms. Robinson will coordinate ethics training for board members who have not previously attended.
- Ms. Robinson will email mission statement, core values and strategic goals. Will also forward new structure email to Mr. Newman.
- Ms. Baggett will email location updates and system-wide statistics to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn: W. Whichard Second: C. Newman

The next meeting will be held April 20, 2023, Main Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.