

DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, March 21, 2024
6:00 p.m.
MAIN LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hank Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Aquaris Anderson, Tracy Jackson, Hank Kinsley, Tal Matalon, Ann McLain, kynita stringer-stanback, Miranda Straubel, Willis Whichard

Friends Liaison: Monika Tillman-DeWitt

Absent: Carl Newman

Staff: Tammy Baggett, Kathleen Hayes, Anita Robinson

Guests:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve February minutes: T. Jackson Second: T. Matalon
Minutes approved with corrections unanimously.

LOCATION REPORT– Kathleen Hayes, North Regional Manager

Per Kathleen Hayes' report please see as follows:

North Regional had collaborative programs with community partners.

In January North Regional welcomed the State Library of North Carolina's Accessible Books & Library Services department. Program participants learned how people who can't use regular books read books from the SLNC Accessible Books & Library Services (ABLS). The NC-ABLS is a special public library that circulates books and magazines especially made for people who cannot use regular printed material because of a visual, physical or reading disability. They discussed how patrons read using Talking Books, Braille Books, and Large Print books in English and other languages, and instructed participants on how to use their new Braille Reader.

Healthy Relationship and Leadership Workshop

Teen Services Unit partnered with Durham County Public Health and the community organization, Perpetual Butterfly, to host a Healthy Relationship and Leadership workshop for teens to recognize Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February. During this workshop teens learned ways to develop healthy relationships and how to become a leader in their community and social circles.

Children's Unit Partnership with the City of Durham Community Engagement Department (Bilingual Community Engagement Unit)

Express and Release

Self-Care Workshop (3/5) for Latin X families and caregivers who have children with autism or other sensory processing disorders. This space was created for everyone to have access to practice a type of movement to help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression.

Durham Book Club Collaboration

Through North's Teen Department's partnership with Durham Book Club, which is a student-led group that unites Durham's middle school youth through the power of reading and is an initiative created by the non-profit StrongHER TogetHER and local booksellers and middle school librarians, North hosted a series of virtual book clubs where students will have the chance to meet and talk to the authors of the books, meet and talk to other students at any Durham County Library, and win prizes when they participate in our book-related challenges.

New Children's Programs

- Sing and Sign – Hosting Signs of Learning, for a "Sing and Sign Storytime"! During this program, parents/caregivers and their little ones (ages 0-24 months) will learn and practice American Sign Language through fun songs, rhymes, and stories.
- Elementary explorers- During this after-school program kids (ages 5-12) will explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) through fun, hands-on activities! Every other week we will learn about a new concept, then do a related project, experiment, or game to encourage critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration.
- o Popsicle Stick Catapults (March)

Adult Services

North Regional Library continues to host a variety of adult programs and book clubs ranging from Morning Knitting and other handwork programs, Bahama Bee's Quilting program, Evening Crochet Club, Entrepreneur Book Club, Learn to Play Mah Jong program, and an intergenerational Origami Club, just to name a few. Beginning in March we will be hosting a three-session series of ukulele classes called "Uke Can Do It!" where participants can learn how to play the ukulele. Interested in learning Spanish or just need a little practice, you can join us at North for our Spanish Conversation and Beginner Spanish classes made especially for seniors!

The Adult Services Department received an Oculus Virtual Reality device that will be used for our Memory Café Program. This is a monthly activity program for people with dementia and their caregivers. Memory Cafes host activities designed to engage in the present, without the expectations of using short-term memory or forward thinking.

3D printer

North Regional received a 3D printer. It was used during Homeschool Learning Lab with the Teen group to create mini catapults.

II. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kinsley opened a discussion about potentially moving meeting dates to a day other than Thursday. Board members shared their reasons as to which days were better days or days that would not be beneficial. The board discussed possibly meeting on a different day to allow the public a better opportunity to attend.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on emails sent to board members.

Committee Updates

Advocacy Committee (W. Whichard)

The Advocacy Committee has not met.

Board Development & Evaluation Committee (H. Kinsley)

The Board Development Evaluation Committee did not meet. Mr. Kinsley has drafted the retreat survey form and will forward it to board members.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Durham County Library Foundation Report (W. Whichard)

A Public Discussion with David and Christopher Gergen was held at the Carolina Theater Tuesday, March 19, at 5:30 pm. The event was well attended.

Friends of the Library (M. Tillman-DeWitt)

The Friends generated \$3,000.00 from their March book sale and an increase in memberships. Future events include expanding social media for community outreach and a pop-up sale at the library in April. The Friends are seeking tech experts and looking to fill current openings on the board. Library staff appreciation will be in April.

The Friends, in partnership with Museum of Durham History, are sponsoring a speaker March 29 at Books Among Friends. The Friends held a retreat Sunday, March 17.

Library Reports (T. Baggett)

Ms. Baggett distributed location reports to the board.

Action Items

- Ms. Baggett will follow up with webmaster regarding enhanced meeting notices, to include bulletin boards and electronic displays.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn: T. Matalon Second: A. McLain

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 18 at Main Library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.