

DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
6:00 p.m.
MAIN LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hank Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Friends Liaison Monika Tillman-DeWitt

Staff: Tammy Baggett, Anita Robinson

Guests: Afiya Carter, Lusynthia Carter, Chris Faison, Ivan Francis, Leah Josephson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Leah Josephson and Ivan Francis introduced themselves and spoke about their desire to be a member of the board.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve August minutes: W. Whichard Second: A. McLain
Minutes approved with corrections unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

The board voted on recommendation for the vacancy. Ms. Robinson will forward the recommendation to the Clerk's office.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kinsley shared updates on name tags. The board discussed and decided to order badges identifying members as a board member omitting individual names.

Committee Updates (W. Whichard)

Advocacy Report

A Save the Date notice has been sent to the invitees to the breakfast scheduled at Main for Wednesday, November 15 at 8:30 am. A formal invitation with RSVP requested will go out in early October. Hope Valley Catering has been selected for catering. Chair Kinsley is expected to speak for the board and Library Director Tammy Baggett for the Library.

Board Development & Evaluation Committee (H. Kinsley)

The Board Development Committee met, and the retreat is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024. In the event of inclement weather, the make-up date is Thursday, January 25, 2024. kynita stringer-stanback volunteered to serve on the committee.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Durham County Library Foundation Report (W. Whichard)

The Foundation met and discussed enhancement to Stanford L. Warren. Foundation is prepared to launch a campaign to raise funding due to shortage.

Friends of the Library (M. Tillman-DeWitt)

In-person sale Friday, September 22 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm 25% off all items for members only. Open to the public, Saturday, September 23, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Books Among Friends, 3825 S. Roxboro Street. The discount will be 50% off all items in store.

Katherine Jackson is the new president and Jennifer Lohman is vice-president.

Online sales and pop-up sales are doing well. Providing food for Staff Day and poinsettias during the holiday month of December.

Library Reports (T. Baggett)

Stanford L. Warren opening date has been pushed back to potentially August or September 2024.

Community Engagement has partnered with Student U for a community resource fair.

Partnered with Student U and the Tech Mobile for their Community and Resource Fair-provided a unique opportunity to interact with Spanish Speaking families of middle school aged children and to sign up participants for upcoming Get Connected program, a digital course designed to increase confidence and independence for parents and caregivers in the use of digital tools related to the education of their children.

Attended Durham Charter School Open House and DPS Fest.

Last session of the Intermediate ESL Class at the Main Library and the Basic Computer Course in Spanish at East Regional through partnership with Kramden Institute.

East Regional held a program celebrating National Heritage month.

Customers were invited to join the Childrens’ Department on a magical journey celebrating Hispanic Heritage month through this bilingual storytime.

Diamond Bethea, Childrens’ Manager, has been leading the adult Slow Flow Yoga classes for East for the month of August.

Main Library held various Childrens’ programs and outsourced efforts.

NCC Room staff will support the work of the Stagville Memorial Project, an organization working to “bring lesser-known histories about formerly enslaved people at Stagville Plantation to wider audiences through public art.”

NCC will work together to apply for a “Cities in Historical Perspective” grant funded by Villanova University.

Due to staffing shortage, hours will be reduced and NCC will begin operating 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

North Regional hosted its Second Annual TINY ART SHOW during the month of August. Patrons, young and old, picked up “tiny” art supplies, that consisted of a 4”X 4” mini canvas to create their works of art using the art medium of their choice.

Southwest Regional

Programing for all ages continues.

Action Items (A. Robinson)

- Advocacy committee will finalize advocacy breakfast menu and Ms. Robinson will forward to caterer.
- Ms. Robinson will order name tags for board members.
- Ms. Robinson will forward the library report to board members.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn: A. Anderson Second: C. Newman
The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 19 at Main Library.
The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.