

DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
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, Carl Newman, kynita stringer-stanback, Miranda Straubel, Willis Whichard

Absent: Tracy Jackson, Tal Matalon

Staff: Tammy Baggett, Anita Robinson

Guests: Leona Whichard

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve November minutes: W. Whichard Second: C. Newman
Minutes approved with corrections unanimously.

II. OLD BUSINESS

The BOT will meet the following months in 2024: February, March, April, May, June, July, August, October, and November.

Trustee Award – Mr. Kinsley presented the Trustee Award to Arlicia Page at Staff Development Day in December.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Retreat Recap – Mr. Kinsley will work with the committee to create a feedback questionnaire. It was discussed at the retreat to continue hosting the advocacy breakfast and a retreat this year. The board discussed possibly meeting on a different day to allow the public an opportunity to attend and additional marketing opportunities to advertise meetings.

Committee Updates

Advocacy Committee (W. Whichard)

The advocacy committee will discuss breakfast at a future date.

Board Development & Evaluation Committee (H. Kinsley)

The Board Development Evaluation Committee did not meet.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Durham County Library Foundation Report (W. Whichard)

The Foundation hosted an event at The Durham Arts Council: The Role of Libraries, Archives, and History in Today's Democracy. A Public Discussion with David and Christopher Gergen will be held at the Carolina Theater Tuesday, March 19, at 5:30 pm.

Friends of the Library

A report was not given at this time.

Library Reports (T. Baggett)

Ms. Baggett distributed location reports to the board.

Family Literacy and Community Services

- Bookmobile completed 16 stops with over 1117 attendees.

Tech Mobile

- Launched afterschool and Saturday Academy STEAM programs at CC Spaulding.
- Visited Duke MakerSpaces and VR Lap to coordinate Duke student led programs and generate ideas for outreach in conjunction with the STEAM team- staff participated in “I am a Man” VR experience, hoping to bring to Main Innovation Lab for Black History Month pending designer approval.

Spanish Speaking Services

- Began spring semester of Homework con Amigos in partnership with DPSF, Duke’s Partners for Success, and LEAP- homework assistance and tutoring to students in grades K-5.
- Hosted first session of Spanish U program- basic Spanish language course was funded by a DLF grant and already has a waitlist of 162 patrons. We are looking forward to offering an intermediate version of the program in April in response to the high interest.

East Regional

- The Children’s Department celebrated Lunar New Year through a special Dim Sum Storytime on Saturday, January 20th.
- Families listened to Lunar New Year stories and created a fun dragon craft in celebration of the Year of the Dragon for 2024.
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Southwest Regional

- Meet a Reptile - Southwest Children’s Unit collaboration with North Carolina Herpetological Society.
- Latin Folk Dance - Southwest Adult Unit collaboration with Takiri Folclor Latino Dance group.

Upcoming at Southwest Regional:

- Chinese New Year Celebrations.
- Stamped from the Beginning Film Screening.
- NC Voter Photo ID Event.
- Computer classes resume.

Action Items

- Mr. Kinsley will circulate retreat recap draft to board members.
- Mr. Kinsley will provide a list of committees and committee members.
- Ms. Baggett will forward information to board members for *A Public Discussion with David and Christopher Gergen* at the Carolina Theater Tuesday, March 19, at 5:30 pm.
- Ms. Baggett will follow up to add board members to the Foundation event mailing list.
- Board members will review their calendars to discuss the possibility of changing meeting night.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn: W. Whichard Second: C. Newman
The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 21 at Main Library.
The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.