

DURHAM COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024
6:00 p.m.
MAIN LIBRARY

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Willis Whichard called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Aquaris Anderson, Ivanhoe Francis, Tracy Jackson, Leah Josephson, Tal Matalon, Ann McLain, Carl Newman, kynita stringer-stanback, Willis Whichard

Staff: Chè Anderson, ACM Tammie Hall, Anita Robinson

Friends Liaison: Angela Zoltner

Guests: Ericka Patillo

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments at this time.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve August minutes: T. Jackson Second: T. Matalon

Minutes approved with corrections unanimously.

Location Reports

Chè Anderson, Site Manager at South Regional, updated the Board on activities and events at the location.

Per Ms. Anderson's report:

Updates

- The contractors repaired the roof due to numerous leaks that we've been having at the South Regional Library.
- We have an AV cart that includes a large touch screen monitor and sound bar that staff and the public can use in the Meeting Room in place of the unreliable projector.

Past Quarter Programs

- Adventures in Art and Music Mini Camp – June 17 to June 27
- Get Your Kicks on Route 66 Walking Challenge (September 1 - November 30)
- Fall Fest – September 23
- Maggots & Murder: How Insects are Used to Solve Crimes – September 28
- Is My House Haunted? – October 8

Upcoming Programs

- Understanding Credit: Mastering Your Credit for Homeownership – October 19
- The Hoot (Trick or Treat Fun) – October 31

Challenges

- We have three vacancies: Teen Librarian, Children's Associate, Part-time Circulation Office Assistant
 - The vacancies create programming and desk coverage issues.

- We do not have enough tables and chairs for patrons to use their personal devices.

II. OLD BUSINESS

The search committee for the library director position has met, and the process is underway. Resumes have gone out; 26 candidates have been reviewed. There will be an extensive process before narrowing candidates down to 2 or 3 final candidates.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

Committee Updates

Advocacy Committee (k. stringer-stanback)

The advocacy committee has not met but will meet after the board meeting. A date has not been determined for the advocacy committee breakfast for public officials.

Board Development & Evaluation Committee (A. McLain)

The Board Development Evaluation Committee met once. There are two goals: retreat and board development. Would like to develop the board in conjunction with the library's strategic plan. The retreat may be held sometime in the January-March timeframe.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Durham County Library Foundation Report (C. Newman/W. Whichard)

The Foundation met in September. Mr. Whichard introduced Mr. Newman as the new liaison. The Foundation is planning a 25th year anniversary celebration to be held in 2025. One of the immediate goals for 2025 is increasing donations.

Friends of the Library (A. Zoltner)

New board term started in September with board currently reviewing staff proposals. Proposals will be voted on in November. Currently working on dates for book sale. Pop-up sale will be held Saturday, October 19 at Main Library 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. The Friends have been generating profits, online sales are going well, and donations are always welcome. The holiday book sale will be held Saturday, November 16 and in person sales Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7.

Library Reports (ACM T. Hall)

ACM Hall provided updates on the hiring process for the Library Director and shared location updates. The Durham Neighborhood College 2024 graduation is being held tonight. ACM Hall is attending and is a featured speaker.

Action Items

- Ms. Robinson will follow up on the opening date for Stanford L. Warren.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn: k. stringer-stanback Second: C. Newman

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 21 at Main Library.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Durham County Library
Board of Trustees

Committees 2024-2025

Advocacy

kynita stringer-stanback, Chair
Carl Newman, Vice-Chair
Tal Matalon
New Member #1

Board Development and Evaluation

Ann McLain, Chair
Aquaris Anderson, Vice-Chair
Tracey Jackson
New Member #2

Nominating Committee

Willis Whichard, Chair
Ann McLain, Vice-Chair
Aquaris Anderson
Tal Matalon

Liaison to Foundation

Carl Newman