

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
JIMMIE B. KEEL REGIONAL LIBRARY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Attendance: Bob Argus (Chair), Cori Toler (Secretary), Jim Johnson (Vice-Chair), Michael Keller, Kay O'Rourke, William Scheuerle, Alma Hires, Brenda Staton, Jim Harkins and John McWhirter were present. Mary Lou Tuttle and James Martin were excused.

Staff Present: Joe Stines, Director; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming; Jacquelyn Zebos, Manager, Administrative & Reference Services; Aracelis Maldonado, Administrative Specialist; Robin Gibson, Friends Coordinator; Jean Peters, Chief Librarian; Suzanne George, Chief Librarian; Susan Oliver, Chief Librarian; Tina Russo, Principal Librarian; Norma Nelson, Principal Library Assistant.

Guest: Armand Ternak, Division Director, Temple Terrace Library.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

The Library Board recognized the following volunteers from Jimmie B. Keel and Upper Tampa Bay Regional Libraries for their many hours of service:

Martha Van Neste
Lenore Balden
Nancy Rachels
Rosemarie Brennan
Frederick Pica
Mary Kysor
Kaydia Aiken
Anusha Bukhari
Josephine Beaumont
Luis Gomez
Janice Murphy
Marlene Perez

Norma Nelson, Principal Library Assistant at Brandon Regional Library, was presented with a certificate of appreciation honoring her 45 years of service to the Tampa-Hillsborough Public Library. Ms. Nelson began her long career with the Library as a volunteer at the original Ybor City Branch Library.

Minutes from the August 26, 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

There were no presentations from the public.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Staff responded to questions from the library's monthly budget as of August 31, 2011.

A review of the library's circulation statistics for August 2011 indicates an increase in circulation of e-books. The Library is on track to exceed 10 million in total items circulated for the year.

An update was provided concerning the FY12-13 Budget process. The Board of County Commissioners will hold its last required public hearing this evening (Thursday, September 22) at 6

p.m. before approving the budget. There has been no change in the Library's recommended FY12-13 Budget.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library.

Planning Committee

The Library Board was presented with a proposed plan by the Straz Center for the Performing Arts for the realignment of Cass and Tyler Streets. The Straz Center sought input and endorsement for their proposal to be submitted to the City of Tampa. The proposed realignment would address traffic and pedestrian safety concerns and would create additional surface parking to be used by the Straz Center as well as John F. Germany Library patrons. **Following deliberation, the Library Board voted 9 to 1 to send a letter in support of the proposed plan.** (Mr. Harkins opposed.)

The Library Board reviewed and discussed a "people counter" report of traffic in the libraries during the month of August 2011. It was suggested that a footnote be added indicating a less than one-percent margin of error to allow for foot traffic after hours by the library cleaning crews.

The Planning Committee is set to begin review of their list of unfunded capital improvement (CIP) projects to be prioritized according to established ranking criteria worksheets. Meetings are open to the public and input is welcome.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Policy & Bylaws Committee

Revisions to LS534, Alcohol Use policy were unanimously approved as recommended by the Policy & Bylaws Committee.

The Library Board reviewed and unanimously approved an agreement with the School Board for a collection of children's books from the former MOSI science library to be loaned to the MOSI Partnership Elementary School media center. The MOSI books agreement goes to the School Board meeting for approval on October 18, then will be placed on the agenda for the Board of County Commissioners' November 2, 2011 meeting.

The next meeting of the Policy & Bylaws Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2011, 3:30 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

Unfinished Business—None.

New Business—None.

Director's Report

Tina Russo, Principal Librarian and branch supervisor for Jimmie B. Keel Library, was introduced to the Library Board.

Staff provided an update on the Fiscal & Support Services (Public Safety & Community Services) transition. A business plan is being developed to identify routine services that the Library will require from FSS department in FY12.

The Library received a request from Redlands Christian Migrant Association to keep the e-library location at their Wimauma center open to accommodate an after-school program. Staff will make more information available at a future meeting.

Dr. Scheuerle informed the Library Board about a new law school that is being built near the Riverview Library. Mr. Johnson volunteered to gather more information for an update at a future meeting.

The next Library History Roadshow featuring the Free Tampa Library takes place on Saturday, Sept. 24 at John F. Germany Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive in Tampa, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Mr. Harkins briefed the Library Board concerning interest by administrators of Hillsborough Community College, SouthShore Center to utilize the SouthShore Regional Library after hours for classroom space.

September is National Library Sign-up month. This year's spokesperson is baseball Hall-of-Famer, Cal Ripken. National Library Sign-up month is an annual campaign by American Library Association and is featured prominently on the Library Web site, HCPLC.org.

Library Board members were invited to attend the Hillsborough Literacy Council's Student-Tutor Appreciation assembly to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2011, 10 a.m. at the Italian Club, Ybor City.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.