

CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of February 12, 2019

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 12 Noon, in the Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brenda Sigmon, Amanda Edwards, Nicky Setzer, Kevin Mortez and Suzanne White, Library Director.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Susan Hunsucker, Carol Preston and Sylvia Ray

CALL TO ORDER

Brenda Sigmon, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staffing Update

Vacant Position- Maiden Branch Librarian

Sarah McElhone-Hired as a LSSI at the Newton Branch Library

Five new hourly staff hired

Houa Yang-Resigned from part-time library assistant position at the Sherrills Ford Branch Library

Edith Murray-Escuder-Retiring from LSSI position at the Southwest Branch Library

Jordan Cramer-ECU student - Interning at the St. Stephens Branch Library

Library Budget

The budget request and outcomes for fiscal year 19-20 have been submitted. The Library to Go is now in the operating budget. Currently working on capital requests for improvement to library facilities.

Grants

The library will be submitting an LSTA Grant with the State Library focusing on strategic and facilities planning, including conducting service and space needs studies to determine resources, services, and facilities needs based on community input and demographic analysis. The grant project, if awarded, will allow the library to engage a consultant to assist with facilitation of this process. The strategic planning grant application is due in June 2019 and planning process will begin in July 2019.

Programming and Services

The libraries are focusing on aligning with community health goals by providing excellent programs including yoga classes, Tai Chi, Chair Dancing, Zumba, nutrition series, and Health Checks from CVMC,

among others. The library is also working with Public Health on various community health listening sessions to gain input on community health needs and priorities. The library is currently thinking of ways to partner with other departments to better gauge the needs of the community. AARP will be providing tax prep help at the Newton Library from February through the first week in April.

Arts at the Library

Students from South Newton Elementary will be providing art for an art exhibit at the Newton Library.

Community Read

Catawba Valley Community College selected *Dreamland: The True Tale of America's Opiate Epidemic* as its community read. Both CVCC and the Library are hosting a variety of programs around the topic, and the author, Sam Quinones, will be presenting at two events in Catawba County, one at CVCC on Tuesday, March 26 at 11 am and the other on the same day at 6 pm at the Newton-Conover Auditorium.

Summer Learning

This year the theme for summer learning is Space and our Universe. The library will have a host of related programming, including a star lab, mini planetarium, and an astronaut program in partnership with Stretch and Grow.

Library to Go

The Library to Go is now on the road, with a presence at Catawba Rosenwald Education Center, Ridgecrest Apartments, Centro Latino, Hickory Career Arts and Magnet School, Tyndall Center and other childcare facilities and community organizations. The main point is to provide empowering resources and programming to the underserved. The Library to Go will also be visiting a family fair, multi-cultural and veteran events, farmer's markets in the next few months.

Advocacy Opportunities

April 7th-13th –National Library Week. Monday April 1, 2019-Board Proclamation at Justice Center for National Library Week.

April 11, 2019- Legislative Day in the District at the Newton Branch Library at 11:00 a.m.
(Note: rescheduled to Friday, May 17, 2109, 11-12)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Next Regular Scheduled Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2019, Newton Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Tyler Garrison