

CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of May 10th, 2022

The Catawba County Library Advisory Board met on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, 12 noon, in the conference room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tamara Shavers-Vice Chair, Mary Canrobert, Carol Preston, Carmen Isenhower, Morgan Williams, Siobhan Loendorf, Library Director, Jenny Gerami-Markham, Assistant Library Director and Candi Dula, Business Manager.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Honey Estrada-Board Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Tamara Shavers-Vice Chair at 12:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with corrections.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staffing Update

Library Assistant ½ time at Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library – open
Librarian III at St Stephens Branch Library – in final hiring stages
Outreach Librarian III for Library to Go – in final hiring stages
Community Navigator – intern from UNC Charlotte will work Thursdays and Fridays for the 2022-23 Academic year.

Programming

Back to in-person story times mid-April – slow starting back but attendance is growing
We have a Tiny to Two storytime here at Newton on Mondays and the regular Every Child Ready to Read Story Time Main 2x a week; Regionals offering it 2x a week Maiden is 1x a week and Conover is as space and staffing allow. Conover has done several children's programs.

Green Room Theatre Thumbelina on May 7th

Tales in the Garden – National Police Week May 19th in the Garden at Main Library

Teen programming has really picked up with Teen Tuesdays at Newton and Teen Advisory Group at the St Stephens library

Health and Wellness programs – Honey and Jossiah Zumba; Chair Yoga and Gentle Flow Yoga with Kacy; Center and Venture in the Park with George Place –

Healthy eating - Healthy whole grains for May – last month it was Spring Salads and Healthy salad dressings.

Career and Workforce Development – continued partnership with NC Works for online programs including topics like NC Works Scholarships, Expungement Workshops, Resumes and Interviewing Tips. Hybrid in person and online workshops at the library about Job Searching Internet basics and Email basics.

Book Clubs - Piece of Cake, Mystery Mavens, Books Between Friends, Mountain View Book Buzz, St Stephens Theme Based Book Club

Book Talks – The library hosted NC poet laureate, Jaki Shelton Green for National Library Week, local author, Tammy Wilson presented in May and the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Friends of the library will be hosting author Diane Chamberlain for two presentations this month.

Grants

Adapting Technologies Grant – Spaces for Success

Added TV, Camera, microphone, and computer:

- Genealogy Conference room and study room at Newton
- Large meeting room and study room at Southwest Branch
- Large meeting room at Maiden Branch
- Study room at Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch

Also updated existing TV at Newton with camera, mic and computer.

Applied for LSTA Children's Area at Southwest Branch – to add Main Street Kiosk – will hear in June.

Facilities Updates: Painted St Stephens, ordered furniture and children's interactives, updated TV with camera and mic. Painted all of Maiden, working on getting some new shelving and using some of the shelving from St Stephens to rearrange the Maiden space so that the left hand side of the building (formerly council chambers) will be the children's area. At Claremont, we have new carpet and we update the tables and chairs and computer chairs.

Broadband Internet Access and Technology Lending

- The Wi-Fi for All grant comes to a close at the end of June and we have notified the partner locations. We will keep the tablets but discontinue the internet service as we get hotspots through TechSoup a ¼ the cost of the tablet Wi-Fi service.
- We have renewed all of our TechSoup hotspots. And we are buying more.
- We are working with the County's Broadband Taskforce to promote the NC Broadband Survey and to educate community members about the Affordable Connectivity Program- anyone at 200% or less of the poverty guideline is eligible. For a single person that means \$27,180 it will pay up to \$30 a month/household for internet service.

Library Endowment

National Library Giving Day Wednesday, April 6th \$5,340 in donations leading up to and including Library Giving Day. When added to the balance at the Endowment takes us up to \$93,406.00.

Highlight donor: Chad Faouri with Logistical Warehouse USA Distribution

Logistical Warehouse USA Distribution storage facility has 120,000 square feet of space and offers flexible storage and inventory management for both large corporations and smaller entrepreneurs. Our storage facility holds many different kinds of packaged goods, textiles, electronics, garments on hangars (GOH), and even grocery and natural foods; we are equipped to handle nearly any product imaginable. There is also 24-hour security, real-time video surveillance, and infrared beams.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

Next Regular Scheduled Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 at the Newton Library at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Candi Dula, Business Manager