

# Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library

## Library Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2024

### Library Board Meeting Attendees:

Mr. Joshua Blackburn, Chair

Mr. Jeff Alder

Ms. Rachel Muzzarelli

Mr. Brian Carter

Ms. Faye Hill

Ms. Audra Bradford

Ms. Meghan Murr, Library Director

Ms. Marion Bryant, Buffalo River Regional Library

### Call to Order/Welcome

Mr. Blackburn opened the Library Board meeting with a roll call at 5:31 p.m. on Monday, November 18, 2024.

### September Meeting Minutes

Ms. Murr provided the members with a copy of the September board meeting minutes for review. Mr. Carter made a motion to approve as written, and Ms. Hill seconded. All members were in favor of approval.

### Public Comments

There were no public comments given at this meeting.

### Regional Library Report

Ms. Bryant provided the November report for the Buffalo River Regional Library. She mentioned the updates to the trainings including an Artificial Intelligence (AI) for libraries training scheduled for January 15, 2025. Giles County library received a \$2M grant to expand the library from Connected Communities Facility grant. The grant covered workforce, medical/healthcare and broadband areas. Ms. Bryant will be sending information to the director when the next grants are available for application. Minor Hill library also got a grant from the University of Alabama for \$3500. Ms. Bryant also reported both Wayne County and Lawrence County are searching for Library Directors.

## Old Business

Ms. Murr reported she had reached out to Friends of the Library but hadn't heard anything back at this time. She had expected them to have a meeting in October but that hadn't happened.

## New Business

The October Financial Report was given to the board members for review with current balances as of November 18<sup>th</sup> noted at the bottom. Mr. Carter made a motion to accept the report and Mr. Alder seconded. All approved the report.

Ms. Murr provided a planned holiday calendar for Christmas and New Years. The library will be closed December 24 through December 26 and December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Alder made a motion to accept the library closure dates and Ms. Muzzarelli seconded. All approved the calendar.

In addition to the holiday closure, Ms. Murr asked to close the library at 3 p.m. on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> for staff development. They will be reviewing the past year's events and making plans for the upcoming calendar year. Ms. Muzzarelli made a motion for the closure and Ms. Bradford seconded. All members approved.

An updated section of the library policies was given for review. This included addressing board game checkout. One board game can be checked out per library card holder for a 2-week period and renewals are permitted. Overdue fines are \$1/day for a maximum of \$15. If not returned or damaged beyond repair, the actual cost of the game will be charged. Mr. Alder made a motion to accept the updates and Ms. Hill seconded. All members approved.

Finally, the exterior sign maintenance was discussed. The sign has been in disrepair for a while. The only place who said they could work on the sign was Clark Carpentry & Remodeling for \$780. A copy of the bid was included for member review. They will remove the plastic letter railing, remove old stains and bolts and fill/paint resulting holes. Mr. Alder made a motion to move forward with the repair for \$780 and Mr. Carter seconded. All members approved.

## Director's Report

Ms. Murr provided the statistics for October which included 2,096 patrons visiting the library with 1524 materials checked out. Over October there were 18 programs with attendance totaling 1,008. This included the Halloween Truck or Treat which saw 600 people in attendance and resulting in 58 new card members.

Most recently the Lion's club came to the library and conducted vision screenings and the library participated in the Host of Christmas Past serving 400 patrons.

It was noted there had been a window repair in the stairwell. This included wasp removal and cleaning of all windows. There were 2 plumbing issues which have been

resolved and the carpet cleaning was completed on November 2<sup>nd</sup> resulting in some unsightly stains being removed.

Finally, Ms. Murr reported that she will be on the 2026 Children's Summer Reading Program Committee. The board members were excited for her as this is one of her passions.

### Closure

Ms. Muzzarelli made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Carter seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m. The next board meeting will on January 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.