

Fayetteville-Lincoln County Public Library

Library Board Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2024

Library Board Meeting Attendees:

Mr. Joshua Blackburn, Chair

Ms. Andrea Delap

Ms. Rachel Muzzarelli

Mr. Brian Carter

Mr. Jeff Alder

Mr. Michael Keenan

Ms. Audra Bradford

Ms. Meghan Murr, Library Director

Ms. Anne Osborne, Buffalo River Regional Library

Call to Order/Welcome

Mr. Blackburn opened the Library Board meeting with a roll call at 5:39 p.m. on Monday, September 30, 2024.

Past Meeting Minutes

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

Public Comments

There were no public comments given at this meeting.

Regional Library Report

Ms. Osborne distributed the September report for the Buffalo River Regional Library. She highlighted the Lewis County Library's receipt of the 2024 Lewis and Clark Programming Award from the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation. Additionally, Ms. Osborne noted the upcoming Regional Office's Summer Reading Conference being held on October 8th and the Conflict in the Library Workplace: Restoring Harmony presentation being held on October 25th. Ms. Murr is already registered to attend these events. Finally, Ms. Osborne reported that the Regional office is back open undergoing substantial renovations.

Old Business

Ms. Murr addressed the genealogy room and the planned honorarium ceremony. After speaking with the family of the donor, the wishes are that it be done posthumously. Everyone agrees the wishes of the donor should be honored.

Ms. Murr also reported on the Friends of the Library basement donation. This has been discussed before and she stated there has been no movement on this. The FOL contact has said they will be attempting to start back up the group in October and will have more information after that meeting.

New Business

The first topic of new business was the Homeschool Education Program. Ms. Murr provided the board information on Education Station. This program has curriculum for grades pre-k through 5th grade developed by educators across the United States. Education Station helps libraries support their communities including both the homeschooling groups and public/private teachers. Worksheets and planners are available with this subscription. The cost is only \$500/year which includes unlimited downloads and remote access. Patrons can login with their library card and Ms. Murr will be able to collect reports on the amount of use over time. Ms. Bradford made a motion to approve the purchase of the Education Station subscription and Mr. Keenan gave a second. All were in favor.

The Meeting Room Policy agenda item was postponed for a future meeting.

Next, Ms. Murr provided a copy of the library policies and noted the addition addressing the Escape Room Kits. These are very popular and the library has hosted some escape room nights which have great participation. Now the kits will be allowed to be checked out. The library currently has 14 for circulation. The patrons will only be able to check out one per library card holder for 2-weeks. Renewals are permitted. Additionally, the overdue fines will be \$1.00/day for a maximum of \$8.00. Mr. Alder made a motion to approve these policy updates and Ms. Delap gave a second. All approved.

Ms. Murr also provided a copy of 2 bids for carpet cleaning. The has numerous large and unsightly stains on the carpets that should be addressed. Personal Touch provided a bid of \$1575.50 to clean all carpets and the rugs at the doors. Selby 's provided a bid of \$1992.00 to clean all the carpets. Mr. Keenan made a motion to accept the bid for \$1575.50 received from Personal Touch and Ms. Muzzarelli seconded. Everyone approved.

The final topic was the holiday schedule for November. The recommendation was for the library to be closed on Monday, November 11 for Veteran's Day and Wednesday through Friday, November 27th – 29th for Thanksgiving. Mr. Alder made a motion to accept and Ms. Delap gave a second. All were in favor to approve.

Director's Report

Ms. Murr stated they were working on completing the statistics for September but did provide that there were 15 programs for the month with 334 patrons. She will update us on the statistics at a later time.

There is a new hire for the library, Ms. Sheila Faircloth. There were 20 applicants for the position and she accepted the job and started the last full week of September. Ms. Faircloth has worked in the Motlow library and is knowledgeable of the day-to-day tasks in the library.

Ms. Murr highlighted the children's area improvements and that the new shelving was up. She stated that the new copier was here and working.

The Storybook pumpkin contest starts this week and was very popular last year. Ms. Murr also mentioned the upcoming Truck or Treat on Thursday, October 24th from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Fire truck, FPU bucket truck, Stovall's wrecker and a school bus are already lined up for the children to see. Plans are still being worked to hopefully bring in more vehicles for the kids to enjoy. Additionally, there will be a sensor-friendly hour at the beginning to help those children with sensitivities to loud noises and/or flashing lights.

Closure

Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Keenan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.