

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Regional Board Meeting  
February 9, 2023 – 5:30pm  
Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

In attendance:

Amanda Hollomon, Chair  
LaRae Dixon-Moore, Vice Chair  
Jennifer Boling, Secretary  
Darcy Brito  
Grace Nagel  
Todd Robinson  
Seleta Rogers

Staff in Attendance:

Alan Harkness, Director  
Gabbi Harp, Operations Coordinator  
Lizette Cruz, Administrative Specialist.

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. **Approval of the October 20, 2022, minutes** – Motion to approve by Brito, seconded by Nagel. Unanimous approval by Hollomon, Dixon-Moore, Nagel, Brito, Robinson, Rogers, and Boling.
- III. Public Comment – There was none
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Director Harkness presented the treasurer’s report.
- V. Director’s Report – Director Harkness presented the director’s report. Director Harkness introduced the new Operations Coordinator Gabbi Harp.

Director Harkness invited board members to visit the Cathy Fussell Quilts Exhibit in the Gran Reading Room of the Columbus Library. The exhibit will be there through March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Nea Big Read events start tonight with a presentation by Professor of Art, Orion Wertz and Professor of Writing & McCullers Center Director, Nick Norwood, “The Graphic Novel as Art and Literature.”

On Friday February 17<sup>th</sup>, graphic novelist, Thi Bui, will be speaking at the CSU (Columbus State University) Riverfront Theater and will host a masterclass that Saturday. The Children’s Book Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Director Harkness attended Library Legislative Day at the state capital yesterday. He met with the local delegation for continued support of the CVL (Chattahoochee Valley Libraries). Director Harkness has asked for an additional million dollars for the South Columbus Public Library.

Director Harkness believes that between the CVL reserves, additional state money and private money, they will be able to cover the cost of South. By April, all three of the county branches should have the VIOP internet phone system installed and working. For the Parks Memorial Public Library this will save them \$3,000.00 a year. Director Harkness went over the updated dashboard statistics.

VI. Unfinished Business – there was none

VII. New Business

**i. Approve MNG7 Inclement Weather and Closing Policy Changes**

After some discussion, Dixon-Moore made a motion to approve. Robinson seconded the motion. Unanimous approval by Hollomon, Dixon-Moore, Nagel, Brito, Robinson, Rogers, and Boling.

**ii. Vote on the next meeting date.**

A motion to approve the next meeting date of Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM at the Columbus Public Library was made by Robinson. Boling seconded the motion. Unanimous approval by Hollomon, Dixon-Moore, Nagel, Brito, Robinson, Rogers, and Boling.

iii. The board discussed the changes to the by-laws proposed by Director Harkness. The changes will take 30 days. If there are no other changes or objections it will be brought up to the board in April for a vote.

iv. The Public Accountant's Report was reviewed and discussed.

VIII. County Library Trustee Report

i. Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Library Board – Hollomon spoke on the huge increase of library use since the renovation. There are many local students who never used the library prior to renovation and who use it regularly now.

ii. Marion County – Rogers spoke on the great work that the Marion County Library Branch Manager, Kim Scott, is doing.

iii. Muscogee County – Director Harkness stated that they had 600 people participate in Winter reading this year, with about four hundred completing the program.

iv. Stewart County – Boling spoke on the new branch manager of Parks Memorial Public Library, Dee Spinks-Russell, and all the excellent work she is doing.

IX. Next Meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2023, at the Columbus Public Library.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.