

Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Library Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - 6:00 pm
Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library

In attendance:

Chair Amanda Hollomon
Vice Chair Tanya Jones
Alexandra Reyes
Christina Young

Also, staff members:

Manager Pam Burgamy
Director Alan Harkness
Administrative Specialist Lizette Cruz

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hollomon at 6:19 PM.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Chair Hollomon asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 17, 2023. Jones made the motion. Reyes seconded the motion. Unanimously approved by Hollomon, Jones, Reyes and Young.

III. Treasurer's Report

Manager Burgamy presented the Treasurer's report. After some discussion she asked if there were any questions. There were none.

IV. Director's Report

Director Alan Harkness presented the director's report. He invited all of the board members to the Columbus Children's Book Festival taking place at the Columbus Public Library on May 11th. This year the author and illustrators are; author and illustrator, Vashti Harrison, winner of the 2024 Caldecott Medal for her picture book *BIG*, Matt de la Peña, author of the picture book, *The Last Stop on Market Street*, Alyssa Satin Capucilli, author of the famous *Biscuit* series of children's books and children's book illustrator and famous artist R. Gregory Christie.

The Columbus Children's Book Festival will kick off Summer Reading. He handed out the new summer program guides, including the summer reading logs in the back of the guide and information on how to participate.

The South Columbus Library renovation is set to be mostly completed in July with full completion by August 30. There will be a soft opening in September with a grand opening block party in October. The final cost of South will be around 10 million. The Marion County Library Board has requested to be put on the state list for a renovation grant. Parks Memorial Public Library is set for the renovation grant in 2026.

Director Harkness informed the board that Senate Bill 390 did not pass. This is good news for libraries in Georgia as it would have affected Georgia libraries' ability to recruit and hire qualified librarians. The CVL has signed a commitment letter with United Way in their bid for the CHIPS

Grant. This grant, if awarded, is to help Muscogee County to bring in chip manufacturers to the area.

- V. **Local Library Report:** Branch Manager Burgamy gave the local library report. Take your child to the Library Day was on February 3rd. Several families came with their children. They participated in story time and played games.

Some of the participants of the crafters and Sit & Be Fit programs at the library, in partnership with Family Connections and the recreation dept., were bussed down to the Columbus Public Library for a meet the author event. They were able to hear Nina Simon discuss her novel Mother-Daughter Murder Night along with getting books signed by her.

The Community Baby shower held on April 13th had several parents with young children come in. The Imagination Library signed up 6 kids to receive free books until age 5. The first Teddy Bear Time at the Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Public Library was held May 4th. There was a full house for this event. It was so successful that the adults are asking for an adult tea party.

The library will be participating in the school district's summer reading camp. The children who were behind last year and participated in the camp are on level this year. Last year there were 16 students. This year the camp will host 45 students. They will be coming to the library three times for literacy activities.

- VI. **Unfinished Business:** there was none.

VII. **New Business**

i. **Nominate and vote on a new treasurer.**

After some discussion Christina Young accepted the nomination for treasurer. Jones made a motion to accept Young's nomination and vote for her to become the treasurer. Reyes seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by Hollomon, Jones, Reyes and Young.

ii. **Vote to approve the preliminary FY25 budget**

Hollomon made the motion to accept the preliminary FY25 budget as presented. Jones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by Hollomon, Jones, Reyes and Young.

- VIII. **Chair's Report:** Chair Hollomon was thankful to be a part of this board and to work with everyone on the board.

- IX. **Board Education:** There was none.

- X. **Next meeting date:** July 16, 2024, at 6pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM