

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Regional Board Meeting

May 1, 2025 – 5:30pm
North Columbus Public Library

In attendance; Amanda Hollomon, Chair, Darcy Brito, Vice Chair, Judy Barnett, Seleta Rogers, and Amy Stankus. Also attending, Alan Harkness, Director of CVL (Chattahoochee Valley Libraries). Tracie Price, Asst. Director of Business Services, Jeannine Scott, Branch Manager of North Columbus Public Library and Lizette Cruz, Administrative Specialist, (CVL)

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. **Approval of January 16, 2025, minutes** – Brito made a motion to approve the minutes presented. Motion was seconded by second by Granville. Unanimous approval by Hollomon, Brito, Barnett, Rogers and Stankus.
- III. Public Comment – Jamie Burkett spoke to the board, presenting her concerns, for five minutes.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Director Harkness presented the treasurer’s report. Revenues for the year are on track. Spending is below projected.
- V. Director’s Report – Director Harkness presented the director’s report.
Senate Bill 74 did not pass the house which is good news for Georgia libraries. The Parks Memorial Project was not approved by the state in this budget year. The CVL will apply again next year. House Bill 516 allowing library board members to attend the meetings by zoom has passed and is now awaiting the governor’s signature.

Funding from the federal government for public libraries is continuing in most states now except for three targeted states. Since these funds, which mostly pay for internet services are distributed on monthly basis, the CVL is budgeting as if that money will not be distributed in case future funding is suspended. CVL wants to assure that services to the public are not disrupted.

Director Harkness invited all board members to attend the Columbus Children’s Book Festival on May 17th, 2025. This year the guest authors and illustrators are Lauren Tarshis, Sherri Duskey Rinker, Alan Gratz, and Yesenia Moises.

- VI. Unfinished Business – There was none.
- VII. New Business –
 - i. **Approve FY26 Budget**
Brito made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget as presented. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Barnett, Rogers, and Stankus.
 - ii. **Approve Capital Plan for FY25- FY30**
Brito made a motion to approve the Capital Plan for FY25 – FY26 as presented. Barnett seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Barnett, Rogers and Stankus.
 - iii. **Review and vote on the listed policies**
 - a. **CUS1 Customer Service**
 - b. **CUS4 Staff Room Use**
 - c. **GOV9 Use of Tobacco Products**

- d. **GSV1 Volunteer Policy**
- e. **GSV4 Tours**
- f. **GSV5 Film Showings**
- g. **MNG2 Statistics**
- h. **MNG5 Seasonal Exhibits and Display**
- i. **PER5 Workplace Safety**
- k. **PER11 Solicitation**
- l. **PER12 Visitors in the Workplace**
- m. **PER13 Recruitment of Candidates for Position**
- n. **PER18 Use of Volunteers**

After discussing the minor changes to a few of these policies, Brito made a motion to approve the above-listed policies as written. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Barnett, Rogers, and Stankus.

iv. Approve FY2026 Application for State Aid and Chair Signature

Brito made a motion to approve the FY2026 Application for State Aid and Chair Signature. Barnett seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Barnett, Rogers, and Stankus.

iii. Approve FY2026 Signatory Authority and Chair Signature

Rogers made a motion to approve the Signatory Authority and Chair Signature. Brito seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Barnett, Rogers, and Stankus.

VIII. County Library Trustee Report

- i. **Cusseta-Chattahoochee County**
CCLB Chair Hollomon was sad to announce that the CCPL Branch Manager Pam Burgamy is retiring in July.
- ii. **Marion County**
Marion CLB Chair Rogers was happy to announce that the Marion County Public Library received a \$20,000 Rural Libraries grant. Money will be used for some much-needed repairs.
- iii. **Muscogee County**
Muscogee CLB Chair Brito reminded everyone to please attend the Columbus Children's Book Festival on May 17th.
- iv. **Stewart County**
SCLB Chair Stankus was pleased to announce the new Stewart County Book Club.

**IX. Next meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.
Location: Marion County Public Library.**

X. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM

