

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Regional Board Meeting
October 18, 2024 – 5:30pm
Columbus Public Library

In attendance; Amanda Hollomon, Chair, Darcy Brito, Vice Chair, Nea Permenter, Secretary, Donovan Granville, Susan Berry, Seleta Rogers, and Todd Robinson. Also attending, Alan Harkness, Director of CVL (Chattahoochee Valley Libraries), and Lizette Cruz, Administrative Specialist, (CVL)

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. **Approval of August 16, 2024, minutes** – Motion to approve by Robinson, second by Permenter. Unanimous approval by Hollomon, Permenter, Granville, Berry, Rogers, and Robinson. (Brito arrived after this vote).
- 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 let the board know that Deputy Director Gabriel Lundeen resigned in September. He is working on updating the job description before beginning the search for a new person to fill that role.

Director Harkness gave an update on the newly renovated South Columbus Public Library. As of now the renovation has totaled 9.4 million dollars. During the first week of the soft opening in September, South had 2,000 visitors and over 100 new card sign-ups. The infant crawl space has been extremely popular with new parents.

This Saturday, October 19, will be the Grand Reopening Celebration for South. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, free food, music, storytellers, and many activities. Director Harkness invites all board members to come and participate. Director Harkness introduced everyone to a collaboration with GPLS called the Palace Project. It is a large database available to CVL patrons with e-books and other great resources. He gave the recent numbers of attendance for several events across the branches and presented several promotions of staff.

November 14 is the annual Cocktails & Comedy Fundraising event. This year’s comedian is Andrew Stanley, the son of the famous preacher Charles Stanley. Tickets are on sale now.

- VI. Unfinished Business – There was none.
- VII. New Business –
 - i. **Review listed policies and vote on updates**
 - a. **PER22: Employment References**

Robinson made a motion to approve updated policy PER22. Rogers seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Permenter, Granville, Berry, Rogers, and Robinson.

b. PER6: Emergencies and Disasters

Rogers made a motion to approve updated policy PER6. Granville seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Permenter, Granville, Berry, Rogers, and Robinson.

c. PER25: Educational Expenses Reimbursement

Berry made a motion to approve updated policy PER25. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Permenter, Granville, Berry, Rogers, and Robinson.

d. PER4: Criminal Background Checks

Berry made a motion to approve updated policy PER4. Permenter seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Permenter, Granville, Berry, Rogers, and Robinson.

e. PER24: Continuing Education

Rogers made a motion to approve updated policy PER24. Granville seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Permenter, Granville, Berry, Rogers, and Robinson.

f. PER9: Confidentiality of Patron Records

Robinson made a motion to approve updated policy PER9. Berry seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Permenter, Granville, Berry, Rogers, and Robinson.

g. PER1: At-will Employment

Berry made a motion to approve updated policy PER1. Permenter seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Permenter, Granville, Berry, Rogers, and Robinson.

VIII. County Library Trustee Report

- i. Cusseta-Chattahoochee County
Board has not met. No update.
- ii. Marion County
The new branch manager, Bailey Carter, is doing a great job.
- iii. Muscogee County
The MCLB Chair invited everyone to come see the newly renovated South Columbus Public Library.
- iv. Stewart County
The branch manager, Dee Spinks-Russell applied for and received a grant of about \$3,000 dollars. This money will go towards the \$100,000 needed to secure the state fund grant of one million dollars for the renovation of Parks Memorial Public Library.

**IX. Next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.
Location: South Columbus Public Library.**

X. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 PM.