

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Regional Board Meeting  
January 17, 2025 – 5:30pm  
South Columbus Public Library

In attendance; Amanda Hollomon, Chair, Darcy Brito, Vice Chair, Susan Berry, and Donovan Granville (arrived at 6:19 PM). Also attending, Alan Harkness, Director of CVL (Chattahoochee Valley Libraries), Bailey Carter, Branch Manager of Marion County Public Library and Lizette Cruz, Administrative Specialist, (CVL)

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. Public Comment – There was none.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Director Harkness presented the treasurer’s report. The director did want to note that the CVL has applied for the regular yearly AFLAC grant however this year they have asked for an additional amount to recover the bookmobiles that AFLAC donated 15 years ago. The cost is approximately \$27,000.00. There were no questions about the Treasurer’s report.
- IV. Director’s Report – Director Harkness presented the director’s report. The state has given the CVL permission to move forward on the application for the 9/1 matching grant to renovate Parks Memorial Public Library. At this time only about \$10,000 of the \$100,000 needed to receive the match of \$900,000 from the state has been secured. The project is up for approval by the state general assembly in the spring. The CVL has applied to the Kirbo Foundation and will be seeking other grants to raise the funds necessary for this project.

Director Harkness presented the new Winter/Spring 2025 CVL program guide highlighting the following Programs for 2025.

- i. May 17<sup>th</sup> the Columbus Children’s Book Festival returns, featuring children’s books authors and illustrators Lauren Tarshish, Sherri Duskey Rinker, Yesenia Moises and Alan Gratz.
- ii. Winter Reading Challenge runs from Dec. 2024 to February 2025.
- iii. The CVL has partnered with the Pastoral Institute to bring a series of mental health wellness programs to several branches of the CVL system.
- iv. CVL has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read in partnership with the Carson McCullers Center for Writers and Musicians to present several programs, exhibitions, talks, and concerts across Columbus in the month of February. Under the theme *Where We Live*, these programs will highlight NY Times best-selling author Tayari Jones, artist Bo Bartlett, author James Agee, and photographer Walker Evans, along with other nationally known artists and creators who have called Columbus, GA home.
- v. The Muscogee County Library Foundation is hosting Novel Notions with NY times bestselling author Fiona Davis on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is a free public event.

Director Harkness went over the January 2025 Dashboard. Library cardholders continue to rise. The 2024-2025 year is on track to hit one million checkouts of digital print materials for the first time.

- V. **Approval of August 16, 2024, minutes** – Once Granville arrived a quorum was established. Brito made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by second by Granville.

Unanimous approval by Hollomon, Brito, Berry and Granville.

VI. Unfinished Business – There was none.

VII. New Business –

**i. Review listed policies and vote on updates**

**a. GOV 5: Board Member Reimbursement**

**b. GOV 6: Board Meeting Agendas**

**c. GOV 10: Advertising Promotions Material**

**d. GOV 11: Acceptance Policy Donations Gifts and Property**

**e. MNG6: Alcoholic Beverages**

No changes to the above listed policies were requested. Brito made a motion to approve the policies as written. Berry seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Berry and Granville.

**ii. Updated Organizational Chart**

Brito made a motion to approve the updated organizational chart. Granville seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Berry and Granville.

**iii. Vote for Board Chair**

Brito made a motion to nominate Hollomon as board chair for another year. Granville seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Hollomon, Brito, Berry and Granville.

VIII. County Library Trustee Report

i. Cusseta-Chattahoochee County Board has not met. No update.

ii. Marion County

The new branch manager, Bailey Carter, gave report on the recent activities and outreach programs that have taken place.

iii. Muscogee County

The MCLB Chair welcomed everyone to the newly renovated South Columbus Public Library building.

IX. Next meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.  
Location: North Columbus Public Library.

X. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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