

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Regional Board Meeting
Thursday, January 30, 2020 – 5:30 pm
Columbus Public Library

In Attendance

Patricia Henson
Kelli Dixon
John Boyd
Jennifer Boling

Also In Attendance

Alan Harkness, Director, CVL
Gabriel Lundeen, Deputy Director, CVL
Felecia Malave, Admin Assis.
Mark Rice, Reporter, Ledger-Enquirer

Chair Patricia Henson called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

Chair Henson asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2019 meeting. Kelli Dixon moved to approve the minutes, Jennifer Boling seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Henson, Dixon, Boyd, and Boling.

Public Comment – None

Treasure’s Report – Director Alan Harkness reviewed the financial report for the Fiscal Year through the end of December 2019.

Directors Report – Director Alan Harkness gave an update on Fines Free in the Libraries. As of the end of December, new card sign ups are up 34% system wide. The South Branch has seen more than 100% increase consistently since Fines Free was implemented. Director Harkness plans to give an update on Fines Free at 6 months and one year. Circulation is also up 11% system wide, Harkness says those numbers are unheard of.

New York Times Bestselling Author Delia Owens was at CPL last week (January 24) and her appearance was a very popular event. There were more than 600 people of the public in attendance. We are very thankful for the Foundation bringing her in and allowing the public to come as well. This year’s “Big Read” will kick off tonight and feature events to do with Joy Harjo, the U.S. National Poet Laureate. She will be at the library in February. The Columbus Children’s Book Festival is May 16th at CPL and will feature multiple children’s authors and illustrators, along with other activities.

The Parks Memorial Branch has received another grant from the Curbo foundation for \$15,000. This grant will go towards HVAC work in the branch.

The system is getting rteady to help with the 2020 Census. We are working with the city and counties to help get everyone counted. The library has new laptops just for this. The library is also getting a new app. It is currently in Beta Testing and is expected to be released to the public before the Regional Board meets again in April.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business –

a. Circulation Policy Updates:

- i. **Section A – Library Cards & eCards** – John Boyd moved to approve the changes to the section, Jennifer Boling seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Henson, Dixon, Boyd, and Boling.
- ii. **Section H – Fines** – Jennifer Boling moved to approve the changes, Kelli Dixon seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously by Henson, Dixon, Boyd, and Boling.
- iii. **Section I – Student Library Cards** – Kelli Dixon moved to approve, Jennifer Boling seconded. Motion was approved unanimously by Henson, Dixon, Boyd, and Boling.

- b. **Children Left After Hours Policy Update** – Kelli Dixon moved to accept the motion with the amendment that the policy read “2 library staff will wait with the child left”, Jennifer Boling moved to accept with the amendment. Motion was approved unanimously by Henson, Dixon, Boyd, and Boling.

c. Board Officer Nominations and Election

- i. **Chair – Patricia Henson**
- ii. **Vice-Chair – John Boyd**
- iii. **Treasurer – Kelli Dixon**
- iv. **Secretary – Jennifer Boling**

John Boyd moved to elect the nominated officer slate as presented, Kelli seconded. Motion was approved unanimously by Henson, Dixon, Boyd, and Boling.

Board Education – None

County Library Trustee Report –

- a. Cusseta- Chattahoochee County – Programs have been well attended recently, especially since the hire of two new staff members. The CCCPL board also welcomed 2 new members at the last meeting. The expansion on the branch is slowly getting started, but the branch is expected to begin moving to the temporary location in March.
- b. Marion County – Marion County had a large fire in the square, thankfully the library was not impacted by the flames. The branch recently got new computer furniture installed and set up.
- c. Muscogee County – There have been lots of updates to job descriptions, papers, etc. have been happening. The board has 6 new members and new board member training is February 12.
- d. Stewart County – no report

The next meeting will be April 16, 2020 in Stewart County.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm.