

January 20, 2015 Library Board Meeting

THE FAYETTE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD met January 20, 2015 at 4:05 p.m. in the conference room of the Fayette County Public Library, 1821 Heritage Park Way, Fayetteville, Georgia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gina Martin, Chairman
Clarence Leathers, Vice Chairman
Marie Washburn
Elizabeth Grindrod
Lisa Richardson
Jean White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Bradley

STAFF PRESENT: Christeen Snell, Director
Sharon Campbell, Secretary and Library Assistant

GUESTS: Natalie Marshall, Flint River Regional Library System Director
David Barlow, Fayette County Commissioner
Tony Parrott

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gina Martin called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present. Chairman Gina Martin asked if there were any changes or additions to the January 20, 2015 agenda or the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting. Marie Washburn made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting and it was seconded by Clarence Leathers, Vice Chairman. The motion **PASSED** 5-0.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See attached agenda.

The Flint River Library System is the recipient of an LSTA grant aimed at improving collection materials in the STEM subject areas (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Some of our books have arrived and are on display. Two of the programs from the children's department using these subjects are Legos and science club experiments.

We have a new children's librarian, Erin Hunt. She is bringing a host of new ideas for the children's department. One of her programs will be for the homeschoolers.

Last year the children's department hosted 318 programs for the children.

The Children's department is again partnering this year with Fayette Piedmont Hospital which has a program called Baby Dayzz. They are also continuing with Caring for Paws. We now have 2 dogs and a cat that are brought in for children to read to.

We hosted the 14th annual Performers Showcase.

Our annual Blended Heritage program is the last Friday in February. Francine Reed will be one of the guest performers.

We are losing staff member Rachel Parrott who received her library degree while working at the library. She is going to Indiana.

Staff attended a workshop from a representative for GLASS (Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services). It offers free library services for people that are unable to read standard print materials due to visual or physical impairment.

Our Technology MRR grant plan for the region has been approved. Fayette County Public Library will be receiving computers, monitors and a paging system. The computers were delivered today by the Regional Director, Natalie Marshall. Our paging system is expected to be installed Thursday January 29, 2015.

FLINT RIVER REGIONAL BOARD REPORT

Flint River Regional System has finalized talks with AT&T to increase the broadband for the libraries in the system. We are in the final stages of receiving our new bandwidth speeds. We have received bandwidth speed of 20Mbps and are due to receive an additional 60 Mbps.

Pines performed another software update the weekend of January 16th and went very smoothly.

Griffin Spalding Library and J. Joel Edwards Library held a joint fundraiser that was a big success and will share the proceeds.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Natalie Marshall noted that "Hot Dog Days" a Georgia Legislative Day will be held January 29th. It is a day for representatives from libraries to attend and advocate libraries and push to have funding for libraries to be continued.

Stephen Hart is the new Technical Services Manager and Scott Martin is the new IT Service Manager for the Flint River Regional Library System.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Gina Martin asked if there was a motion to adjourn Marie Washburn made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jean White. The motion **PASSED** 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is April 21, 2015.

ATTEST:

Sharon Campbell
Secretary