

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

February 29, 2016, 4:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Grace Chewning/Chairman, Elizabeth Murphrey, Anne West

**Members Absent:** Pamela Neal/Vice Chairman, Herbert Weissman, Patricia Roberts, Margaret Wells

**Staff:** Christine Patten/Library Services Division Manager & Secretary, Sara Gonzalez/Regional Branch Manager, Barbara McCullough/Regional Branch Manager, Barbara Piel / Regional Branch Manager, Denise Tate/ Library Resources Manager, Virginia Howerton / Library Resources Manager

- A. Ms. Chewning called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM and noted that there was no quorum.
- B. Board members and staff were taken on a tour of the North Branch Library.
- C. Ms. McCullough demonstrated the OZO bots which are being featured in library programs for tweens and teens.
- D. Ms. Patten reported on the success of the Customer Service Survey held in December 2015. There were 1,457 responses to the survey. Surveys indicated a high degree of public satisfaction with the library's collections, programs and the customer service received from staff.
- E. Ms. Patten reported on progress of the proposal to reorganize the library staff structure, that would create three Senior Librarian positions focused on management of key system-wide service areas: Youth Services, Adult Services and Technical Services. Virginia Howerton currently Library Resources Manager Public Services would manage these positions. There would be no additional staff positions added. The plan includes upgrading of two existing positions and downgrading the position currently held by Denise Tate. Denise Tate will be retiring April 29, 2016. There would be a significant salary savings realized by the County from this plan.
- F. Ms. Patten discussed different approaches to opening all library branches seven days per week. It was notable that there were no public requests for seven day library opening in the December Customer Services Survey. Most library customers appear to be happy with the current days and hours.
- G. Ms. Patten discussed the request for \$48,500 in funding from the Friends of the Library to replace the reference desk at the Central Branch and to fund the summer reading program.
- H. Ms. Patten reported that the proposal to move the library's operating system to a system hosted by SirsiDynix will be on the March 7, 2016 Board of County Commissioners' consent agenda.
- I. Ms. Patten and staff discussed the presentation that the library staff will be making at the Florida Library Association Annual Conference in Daytona Beach, March 1, 2016 about the Seminole County Library and School Partnership Agreement.
- J. Ms. Gonzalez reported that the Little Library at Red Bug Lake Park has circulated 200 books.
- K. Ms. Gonzalez reported that the demonstration garden at the West Branch has been set-up.
- L. Ms. Chewning called for any discussion under the Good of the Order.
- M. The next Library Advisory Board meeting will be held March 28, 2016 at the Central Branch in Casselberry, in the Gallery.
- N. Ms. Chewning declared the meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.