

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
MEETING HELD March 31, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Regina Bereswill / Chair, Grace Chewning / Vice Chair, Patricia Roberts, Pamela Neal, Herbert Weissman

Members with Excused Absences: Margaret Wells, Elizabeth Murphrey

Seminole County Library Staff - Christine Patten, Library Services Manager/ Secretary; Barbara McCullough, Regional Branch Manager; Virginia Howerton, Library Resources Manager; Barbara Rainey, Regional Branch Manager; Denise Tate, Library Resources Manager

- A. Ms. Bereswill called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.
- B. Ms. Bereswill presented the minutes from February 24, 2014 for approval. Ms. Roberts made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ms. Chewning and approved by unanimous vote.
- C. Ms. Patten reported on the draft library budget for FY 14/15 which includes a 6% cut in funding to the library. The use of Library Impact Fees has been looked at as a source of funding to offset proposed cuts to the Books and Materials budget. Ms. Patten gave an update on the Library's draft budget which includes five positions that were frozen.
- D. The Board discussed the letter to the Seminole County Public School Board which was discussed in the February 24th Library Advisory Board to express their concerns and to highlight the effect the loss of Media Specialists in the public schools will have on public library services.
- E. Ms. Patten reported on the launch of Hoopla, a new service for the public which offers movies, music and audio books. Ms. Tate gave a demonstration of the new service.
- F. Ms. Patten and the Library Advisory Board discussed Little Libraries which are cropping up in Florida and across the country that are free take-one leave-one lending stations. The board discussed the possibility of getting community organizations to partner with the library in sponsoring a Little Library. Ms. Patten will bring additional information to the April 28th Library Advisory Board Meeting.
- G. Ms. Patten and the Library Advisory Board discussed the Howard County model partnership between a county library system and a county school system. The Library Advisory Board expressed interest in how the model could be implemented in Seminole County. Ms. Patten will prepare a report for the April 28th Library Advisory Board meeting which would highlight benefits of a partnership of this kind.
- H. Ms. Bereswill asked for agenda items for the next Library Advisory Board meeting.
- I. The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2014, at 7 p.m., in the Sunshine Gallery at the Central Branch Library.
- J. There being no further business, Ms. Bereswill declared the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.