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Meeting Minutes – Library Board of Trustees

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025

Call the Meeting to Order

Time: 4:00 pm

Roll Call of Members

- Mrs. Susan Williams - Appomattox River District Present
- Mrs. Evelyn Ford- Courthouse District present
- Mr. Brandon Barney - Falling River District present
- Mrs. Madeline Abbott- Piney Mountain District Absent
- Mrs. Hope Adams - Wreck Island District present
- Mrs. Cindy Scheu – Library Director present

Disposition of minutes

Motion to accept: SW

Second: EF

Report of the Librarian - Cindy Scheu

- Budget Request update – the County Board of Supervisors approved the budget request for a Full Time Youth Services Specialist and the title/pay change for the Assistant Director position.
 - We also received compliments on the good things the library is doing.
- Browsing Bins – have transitioned all picture books to browsing bins, have had positive feedback from parents and children
- Junior Easy Reader and Junior Non-Fiction
 - Sections have been flipped
 - Both have been inventoried
 - Junior Non-Fiction has been weeded with updated replacements ordered/coming
- Outreach Opportunities we have participated in
 - Spring event at Appomattox Elementary School – MaKayla & Kristin attended
 - Earth Day @ James River State Park – Cindy & Kathy attended
 - High School English presentation – Cindy attended
- Appomattox Elementary School Extreme Readers Field Trip
 - We hosted the “Extreme Readers” from the elementary school. They received a tour of the library and participated in a STEAM activity.
- Edible Books contest
 - Had several entries, was well received
- Creative Outlet Classes for Adults
 - We have a core group of adults that have been coming
 - We have done Sea glass succulents, Watercolor silhouettes and sea glass mosaics.

- Plant Swap was successful, many plants were exchanged
- Seed Library
 - o The library has begun a seed library, families are allowed to pick three packs of seeds per week, per household.
- Summer Reading Program – Color Our World
 - o Begins June 2
 - o Fun and Craft Day June 4th in Abbitt Park
 - o Each week there will be two Story, Craft Activity sessions with a movie in between
 - o Art Contest
 - For all ages, there are six categories artists can enter (based off the weekly themes)
 - Entries will be accepted June 2nd – 30th and displayed July 1st – 25th.
 - Judging will be done July 1st – 5th (need a volunteer to judge).
 - o Squirm the Bookworm
 - Painted rocks to make a giant bookworm through the lava rocks beside the library
- LSTA Funding (State Aid) – is guaranteed through the next year, it is actually funded from the State of Virginia Budget and they have already approved it.
- New Opportunities in the library
 - o PEATC (Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center) will be at the library the first Tuesday of each month, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Harwood Training
 - o Participated in the Spring 2025 Harwood Turning Outward: Getting Started Lab – funded by LVA
 - o Attendees will learn how to catalyze a chain reaction of actions in their community, develop ways to discover what matters to people, discern where their community is starting from, and identify how they can show up more intentionally in their work and life.
 - o Have applied for the second part
- June Schedule
 - o June 2 – Summer Reading Starts
 - o June 3rd – PEATC @ library 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - o June 4th – Fun and Craft Day in Abbitt Park 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM
 - o June 7th – Library participating in the Town of Appomattox Centennial Celebration – 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
 - o June 14th – Library participating in the Batteux & Banjo Festival at James River State Park 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - o June 20th – Library participating in the Appomattox for Equality Juneteenth Celebration 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - o June 21st – Creative Outlet Class for Adults – Painted Blob Cats 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 - o June 24th – Parent Support Group 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- Library Closings
 - o May 24th & 26th for Memorial Day
 - o June 19th for Juneteenth

New Business

July 15 @ 4 pm

Third Tuesdays @ 4 pm

Motion to move to change third Tuesday SW

Second HA

Adjournment of the regular Library Board meeting by the Chairperson.

Time: 5:04 pm

Motion: HA

Second: BB

The next meeting will take place on July 15, 2025, starting at 4:00pm.

If anyone wishes to add to something to the agenda please contact Cindy Scheu at the Library, 434.352.5340 or email her at director@jrjml.org.