

**Lancaster County Library**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday, July 23, 2024**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Del Webb Branch of the Lancaster County Library**

**7641 Charlotte Highway, Indian Land, SC 29707**

**Members Present:**

George Kirlin

Anne Murphy

Maryetta Taylor

Debby Hegler

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Jim Timmons

Revery Johnson

Phyllis Jarvis

Dr. Deborah Cureton

**Staff Present:**

April Williams, Director

Nancy Berry, Deputy Director

**Call To Order:** 6:32 PM by George Kirlin, Chair

**Public Comments:**

- 1.) Paulette Horsman of Indian Land - The new addition looks great.
- 2.) Stuart Graham of Van Wyck - He has been attending library events since he was a small child and now his own children enjoy the library. He is Councilman Terry Graham's son

and is running in the election for Council seat #1. He has been attending multiple Board meetings.

- 3.) Clare McConaghy of Indian Land - A lifelong member of Friends of the Del Webb Library, Clare would like to see a bookmobile dedicated solely to the Del Webb branch. There are children in Indian Land who can't make it to the library. Additionally, a homebound program is much needed. York County received a grant for a bookmobile this year.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion to accept M Taylor 2nd A Murphy. All approved

**Acceptance of March Minutes:** Motion to accept A. Murphy; 2nd M. Taylor. All approved

**Librarian's Report:**

- Summer reading kick off was huge and the numbers are up since last year.
- The seed library won an award from the National Association of Counties. The award was presented at the June 10th County Council meeting.
- The County Financial Workshop occurred on June 28.
- A. Williams worked with the Arras Foundation to present a workshop on mitigating conflict to the Advising Corps Program at Furman College on July 15.
- In collaboration with Parks and Recs, Kershaw hosted a movie night. There were roughly 75 votes on the movie selection and a great turnout, in spite of relocation due to inclement weather.
- Proviso 27.1 passed the state legislature. The state library has sent several questions to the Attorney General. G. Kirlin has sent a form to the state library that the Lancaster County Library system does not have any books of 'prurient interest' defined as "shameful or morbid interest in nudity, sex, or excretion and is reflective of an arousal of lewd and lascivious desires and thoughts." A. Murphy brought up a book concern that was brought to her about a children's picture book, for ages 3-6, showcasing drag queens at the Del Webb branch. Library staff reviewed. G. Kirlin reviewed and found it 'heartwarming'. Without a Reconsideration of Materials request, it will not be reviewed by the Board. A. Murphy highly recommends A. Williams and N. Berry monitors new purchases for the children and teen sections in light of this new ruling.
- State Aid has been increased \$.25 per capita. This additional income will be applied to special projects, building maintenance, and digital supplies (as we keep maxing out the digital supplies budget.)
- Del Webb will be getting remote lockers which will extend available hours.
- A. Williams is working with potential sponsors of a new bookmobile.

**Deputy Director's Report:**

- Summer reading at Del Webb has over 1,300 participants.
- Two new part time staffers have been hired and trained: Noreen and Alyssa.
- Wednesday gate counts for the first day of Summer Reading was over 300 and July 17th was over 800.

- Kershaw has a new branch manager - Tally Johnson. He is a published author of ghost stories. There is a welcome party for him on August 5th.

### **Financials**

- The state aid number is currently listed incorrectly.
- All staff, full and part time, received an increase of 3.5%.

### **Other Discussion**

- The Board received a letter from the Lancaster chapter of the NAACP inquiring about the new Collections Policy on June 11th. The Board had several suggestions, including encouraging the members of the NAACP to attend our meetings, which are open to the public. A. Murphy also suggested that the County attorney review our draft. G. Kirilin is working on a reply.

**Next Meeting:** September 24 at the Lancaster branch.

**Adjourn:** 7:22 PM by G. Kirilin and 2nd A Murphy