



## Minutes

The Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees met on January 8, 2019 at the Pearl Bailey Library.

Attending: D. Maahs, T. Wright, L. Atkins, M. Keeling, C. Samuels, R. Maynard, S. Alcántara-Antoine, A. Jennings, and C. Skeen representing the Library; Guest speakers G. Entzminger, J. Huberly, and S. Ponto, representing Enteros Design and Engberg Anderson Architects

Absent: P. Mercier, J. Richter, K. Akins, T. Hammond, M. Frantz, X. Draper, E. Young, J. Felton

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. At the time of call to order, the meeting did not meet quorum.

### Youth Appointments

Board Chair, T. Wright introduced one of our newly appointed youth representatives, Riley Maynard. Ms. Maynard also served on the city Mayor's commission and is looking forward to contributing to the Library's Board of Trustees.

### Librarian's Report

S. Alcántara-Antoine reviewed *Library Chapters* for January 2019. We are halfway through the fiscal year and half of our budget has been spent. The Library recently launched Lynda.com, a new business and technology resource providing access to videos and tutorials on a broad range of subject matter. Meeting room reservations will soon be available online through our website.

### Denbigh Warwick Area Plan

A consultant group was hired to review economic development and impact in the Denbigh-Warwick area and also to make a recommendation for the location of the Grissom Library. Various options for location were reviewed and all present were encouraged to attend community sessions being offered. Once site has been designated,

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City Council will need to approve and appropriate CIP money. Sonia will have a guest speaker from the Virginia Library attend next month's board meeting to speak about advocacy. NNPL currently has a survey available right now to gather data regarding what the community wants at the Grissom Library.

#### Interior Design Study

Our consultants from Enteros Design and Engberg Anderson Architects gave a presentation to update all on the design study for Main Street and Pearl Bailey Library. They have been conducting a multistep process with input from staff and community, collecting and analyzing data to develop program and space needs. During this visit, the team will be presenting ideas to the public at community meetings and providing opportunity for citizens to interactively rearrange floor plans using design charrettes. Currently they are just beginning the Design phase and will be back to inform in approximately six weeks. The team asked for questions and feedback from the Board. A discussion was had regarding permitting food and beverage in libraries.

The next scheduled meeting of the Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees will be on February 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "S. Alcántara-Antoine", is written over a horizontal line.

Sonia Alcántara-Antoine, Director  
Secretary, ex-officio

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