



Newport News Public Library

Minutes

The Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees met on April 16, 2019 at the Main Street Library.

Attending: T. Wright, M. Keeling, D. Maahs, R. Tench, M. Frantz, K. Akins, T. Hammond, C. Samuels, L. Atkins; S. Alcántara-Antoine, A. Jennings, J. Curtis and C. Skeen representing the Library.

Absent: P. Mercier, X. Draper, J. Richter, J. Felton, R. Maynard

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. The meeting did meet quorum.

Approval of Minutes

The March 19, 2019 Minutes were approved as written.

Lynda.com Demonstration – J. Curtis

J. Curtis of The Library presented an overview of Lynda.com, our online learning platform resource containing thousands of video tutorials, with a focus on technology and professional development. Lynda.com can be found at bottom of resources on home page of Library website and will soon be known as LinkedIn Learning. This is a very beneficial tool for patrons as well as staff. It addresses every core value in our strategic plan. This is a great resource tool to use to advocate for the Library. Lynda.com supports workforce development and lifelong learning. Suggestion made by D. Maahs to get the word out about it to the local business community.

Librarian's Report

Library Chapters - April

Uptick for monthly visitor count and digital downloads. Our selection of merchandise sales has been expanded. The revenue from these is ours to keep. Litter kits we offer have been popular and exceeded our expectations. All kits were checked out within two weeks. Available solely at Grissom now but **will** eventually be available system wide.

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We've begun offering a small collection of video games. To date, 67 percent of our collection is checked out. Question was asked if we take donations; answer is yes, as long as it's disc format. Last week The Library treated all staff to a Panera breakfast for National Library Week. We also held a volunteer reception on April 10 that was very well received.

FY20 Budget

City Manager released recommended operating budget. Libraries will not see any decrease, slight increase of less than \$30,000 in operations. \$6,000 extra was approved by State Assembly (total of \$250,000 for all libraries). 12 new positions were created within the City, however, none were approved for Libraries. City Council will vote to approve budget May 14. Question was asked about the new Grissom Library; answer is that money will come from the CIP budget.

Question was asked if The Library has access to Daily Press online subscription. S. Antoine/A.Jennings will find out. It was also brought to our attention that a self-check kiosk at Grissom has been out of order for a long time waiting on repair by vendor. The Library will look into.

The next scheduled meeting of the Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees will be on May 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm, at Library Administration in the James Room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Secretary, ex-officio

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