



## Minutes

The Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees met on June 18, 2019, at the Virgil I. Grissom Library.

Attending: T. Wright, M. Keeling, D. Maahs, M. Frantz, T. Hammond, L. Atkins, R. Tench, R. Maynard; S. Alcántara-Antoine, C. Skeen, and C. Nocera representing the Library.

Absent: P. Mercier, X. Draper, K. Akins, C. Samuels, J. Felton

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. At 6:21 p.m., quorum was met.

### Youth iPad Kiosks – C. Nocera

Our Library IT Manager has been working to update technology. The Library recently installed youth iPad kiosks to supplement the early literacy computers. They've been available in the branches for three weeks. It is essentially an iPad on a base that will be bolted to table. We reached out to Urban Libraries Council to find out which applications would be most popular. We've installed a total of 18 apps on the device for ages 4 to 11. There is a reporting system to determine app usage. We're able to purchase four of these for the price of one early literacy computer.

### Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved with one correction; remove **Fall** from Festival of Friends.

### Librarian's Report

The Library is kicking off its summer reading program. A new component will be online registration and tracking. We are welcoming our new Marketing Manager, Paula Morehouse, next Monday. She is a former news reporter. Mirna Turcios joined our team May 23, 2019 as the new branch manager for Pearl Bailey. We will be launching our WiFi Hotspot circulation at Pearl Bailey in July. Patrons will be able to come check out an internet hotspot device. Service is provided by TMobile. We are only paying for the service, not devices and we can remotely shut off devices if not returned. In July, we will also launch a new website for NNPL.

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## *New Business*

The City is setting aside money for Huntington Middle School and other projects will have to be put on hold, such as Grissom Library. City Manager has allocated money for the planning of library but no work to be done until FY2023 after Huntington is completed. This is just the proposed CIP budget, City Council has not voted yet. Board members can advocate to ensure completion of library building projects. A discussion took place regarding plans for the new Grissom.

This is the final meeting for this fiscal year. The next scheduled meeting of the Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees will be on September 17, 2019 at 6:00 pm, at the Pearl Bailey Library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sonia Alcántara-Antoine".

Sonia Alcántara-Antoine, Director  
Secretary, ex-officio

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