



June 21, 2022 Minutes

The Newport News Public Library Board of Trustees met on June 21, 2022, in the James Room of the Administrative Office.

Attending: R. Tench, T. Wright, P. Mercier, M. Frantz, L. Atkins, C. Samuels, W. Barbour, B. Dahlen, W. Driscoll, R. Lynch; A. Jennings, P. Miller and C. Skeen representing the Library.

Absent: D. Dangerfield, K. Akins, D. Thomas, D. Butler

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The meeting met quorum.

Approval of May 17, 2022 Minutes

B. Dahlen motioned to approve the meeting minutes. P. Mercier seconded. Minutes were approved.

New Business

Law Library Overview and Updates – P. Miller, Law Library Building Supervisor

P. Miller has been the sole staff member responsible for supervision of the Law Library for the past five years. She gave an overview of the services that are offered to the public at the Law Library. Popular digital resources continue to be Lexus Nexus, Gale Legal Forms, and Lawyer's Weekly Digest. An upgraded photocopier has been installed for patron use. P. Miller is working with the Legal Aid Society in hopes to offer a series of programs that will help to educate the public on civil matters such as landlord/tenant issues. Ms. Miller cannot give any legal advice per legal code of Virginia.

Librarian's Report - May Monthly Roundup

Highlights from the May Monthly Roundup newsletter were reviewed. Topics covered included National Tourism Week, STEAM programs for youth, and a newly introduced Crypto 101 class that was offered at the Main Street Library. Summer Reading kickoff activities were discussed. The Outreach vehicle has been ordered.

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Members of the Board were provided with a copy of the Bylaws for their review. New committee roles will be selected in the September meeting. The Board needs to elect a new Chair/Vice Chair and the Nominating Committee will meet virtually over the summer to determine a slate of officers.

Board members M. Frantz and P. Mercier have completed two full terms and will be exiting after serving for the past 8 years. Chair, R. Tench thanked them for their service and commitment and stated they will be missed. L. Atkins and C. Samuels will be reappointed to a new term in September after being sworn in.

M. Lynch stated that NNPS printed 27,000 flyers to market our Summer Reading Challenge in the schools.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anita Jennings", is written over a horizontal line.

Anita Jennings, Director
Secretary, ex-officio

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