

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries Regional Board Meeting
April 21, 2022 – 5:30pm
Columbus Public Library

In attendance: Tricia Henson, Chair, Jennifer Boling, Darcy Brito, Amanda Hollomon, Grace Nagel. Staff attending were, Alan Harkness, Director, Gabriel Lundeen, Deputy Director, and Lizette Cruz, Administrative Specialist

- I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
- II. Approval of January 20, 2022 minutes** – Motion by Darcy Brito, Second by Grace Nagel. Unanimous approval by Henson, Boling, Brito, and Nagel.
- III. Public Comment – There was none
- IV. Treasurer’s Report – Director Harkness presented the treasurer’s report. CVL has received all the allocated funds from all the counties except for Marion for FY22.
- V. Director’s Report - Harkness presented the director’s report. He shared information on the upcoming Children’s Book Festival on Saturday May 14th, 2022, from 10 to 1, the Summer Reading sponsored by AFLAC and the Columbus City-Wide Juneteenth celebration in which the CPL will be hosting a dress exhibit in the Grand Reading Room.

Director Alan handed out the Fines Free Statistical Report for The CVL System. In March of 2019, 12.52% of system-wide library card holders were blocked. After instituting Fines Free and restructuring the charges for items not returned, the percentage of card holders blocked was reduced to 3.26%.

The Chattahoochee Library system did a market adjustment for library assistants and raised their hourly wage from \$11.05 an hour to \$12.50.

The grand opening of the renovated Cusseta-Chattahoochee Public Library will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Director Harkness has invited the Governor, the State Librarian and other prominent figures to the ribbon cutting. Once he has confirmation of who will be attending he will inform the board.

The planning stage for the proposed construction of the new South Branch Library is coming to together. Costs have risen 23% (1.2 million dollars) due to the shortages caused by the pandemic. Once plans are finalized the library’s temporary site will be the old school building from the Our Lady of Lords Church just down the block.

- VI. Unfinished Business – there was none

VII. New Business –

- a. **Approval of CVL Budget for 2022-2023** Motion by Darcy Brito, Second by Amanda Hollomon. Unanimous approval by Henson, Boling, Brito, and Nagel.
- b. **Approval of the Director’s Salary for 2022-2023** - Motion by Amanda Hollomon, Second by Darcy Brito. Unanimous approval by Henson, Boling, Brito, and Nagel.
- c. **Approval to give the Director signing authority** - Motion by Grace Nagel, Second by Jennifer Boling. Unanimous approval by Henson, Boling, Brito, and Nagel.
- d. **Approval for the FY23 application for State Aid to Public Libraries** - Motion by Darcy Brito, Second by Grace Nagel. Unanimous approval by Henson, Boling, Brito, and Nagel.

Other comments- Chair Henson wanted to invite everyone to an event hosted by the Townhouse in Buena Vista on May 3rd. The author Mary Kay Andrews will be doing a book signing. The tickets are \$40 and include her latest book.

VIII. Next Meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2022.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 PM.