

BRUNSWICK COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2024

The Brunswick County Library Board met for their annual meeting on September 23, 2024 in the Leland Branch Library meeting room. Chair Jeff Mount called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Members present: Jeff Mount, Diana Dornfeld, Barbara Akinwole, Diana Fotinatos, June Jones, Emma Myles and Marilyn Shapiro representing a quorum.

Also present: Patricia Dew, Library Director

Members absent: Anne Smith and Mary Stillwell

A motion to approve the Minutes of the July 22, 2024 meeting was made by Diana Dornfeld, seconded by June Jones, and carried unanimously.

Director Dew's Report:

Budget

Almost time to start planning for FY25 budget process

No damages to Library from PTC #8

Staff

Some Library staff assisted at the EOC with the call center during the PTC #8 closure. Getting everyone home when we suddenly closed on Monday was a challenge, but everyone was safe even if stranded temporarily.

Ingrid Squires moved back to Virginia in August, which allowed Dan Bennet to transfer from SWB to Leland. Ben Schoonover will be starting on Sept 30th at SWB to fill the vacancy there.

Staff Development Day will be held on Monday, October 14th at the Rourk branch for all FT staff and any PT who are able to attend. SDD will be a day of teambuilding, learning, and growth for library staff.

Services

BCL is participating in a Public Library Association sponsored program, in conjunction with the State Library and librarybenchmark.org, to get comparison data, metrics, and more! Lots of useful data to come from that.

Buildings

No damages from the storm. There is a huge need for more space at all locations except SWB (though even there, space could be better utilized).

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Updates to the Collection Development Policy and the Reconsideration of Materials Procedures were discussed. The changes were:

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- the title of the Collection Development Policy on the actual document was updated to Collection Development Policy from Materials Selection Policy, and
- the Reconsideration of Materials Procedures document was updated to reflect that the Materials Selection Policy and the General Selection Guidelines have been combined into one document called the Collection Development Policy.

A motion to approved revisions was made by Barbara Akinwole, seconded by Jeff Mount, and carried unanimously.

Nominations for officers was discussed. The current officers are eligible to serve one more year in their current positions. No additional nominations were made. A motion to approved Jeff Mount at chair, Diana Dornfeld as vice chair, and Diana Fotinatos as secretary until the next annual meeting in September 2025 was made by Barbara Akinwole, seconded by Emma Myles, and carried unanimously.

Diana Dornfeld recommended the library staff consider staff education and patron programs addressing food allergies.

Public Comments: None

Closed Session:

The request for reconsideration of materials of the book titled, The Girl from the Sea, from library patron Mr. G.S. Potts, III was discussed. The patron’s complaint was read. Each trustee, after having read the book in its entirety, presented justification of both minority and majority positions, reviewed the collection development policy, discussed reviews of the book, considered library usage statistics and other guidelines presented. A motion to retain the challenged material in the collection was made by Diana Dornfeld, seconded by Barbara Akinwole, and carried unanimously. A letter will be sent to Mr. Potts communicating the decision of the library board of trustees within 90 days of the submission of his reconsideration of materials request.

The meeting was adjourned by Jeff Mount at 4:58 PM.

Upcoming meetings:

- Monday, November 25, 2024 at 4:00 PM – Barbee Library, 8200 E. Oak Island Dr, Oak Island
- Monday, January 27, 2025 at 4:00 PM – Harper Library, 109 W. Moore St, Southport
- Monday, March 24, 2025 at 4:00 PM – Rourk Library, 2068 Main St, Shallotte
- Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 4:00 PM – Southwest Branch Library, 9400 Ocean Hwy W, Carolina Shores

Respectively submitted,
Diana Fotinatos, Board Secretary