

TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD
JOHN F. GERMANY PUBLIC LIBRARY
OCTOBER 26, 2006

Board Members Present: Chair, Jim Johnson, James Martin, Sandra Cameron, Alma Hires, Bob Argus, Kay O'Rourke, Laura Vickers, and James Harkins. **Excused:** Michelle Schofner, William Scheuerle, Margaret Fisher, and Dora Reeder.

Staff Present: Jackie Zebos, Manager, Administrative and Reference Services; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming; Suzy George, Manager; Lisa Wagner, Coordinator, Administrative Services & Grants; Barbara Marquette, Administrative Specialist; and Assistant County Attorney Alicia Gonzalez.

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of the Library Board Minutes of September 28, 2006. Mr. Harkins moved that the minutes be approved. Dr. Hires seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Comments from the Public: None

Committee Reports

Budget Committee: No meeting in September.

Planning Committee: Chair, James Martin stated that the SouthShore library was on schedule and had opened on October 12th and that the dedication is November 9th.

Mr. Martin stated that the Board had received a copy of an article on the University Area library in their packets.

Initial plans for Turkey Creek Library parking and access are being discussed with the School Board.

Copies of the October 5, 2006 Special Call Meeting minutes were included in the Boards package this listed the recommendations of the Planning Committee for the West Gate Library. The County Administrator has eliminated the landscape maintenance package and has recommended a sloped roof.

Policy and Bylaws Committee: Chair, Laura Vickers stated that they Committee reviewed several updated policies and one new policy concerning holiday/library displays. Revisions will be completed at their next meeting. Copies will be distributed to the Library Board at the December meeting. Mr. Argus asked whether the seasonal and holiday decorations applied to exteriors, he asked whether exterior decorations would be allowed on structures such as gazebos. Ms. Vickers stated that safety issues would have to be identified. Ms. Zebos will bring back information at the December meeting. Mr. Argus also asked if a Friends group wanted to donate materials for a display would that have to go through Library Services Public Relations and Partnerships Department (PRP) or would it be viewed as an outside source. Ms. Zebos stated that the main purpose of having all of the Library's publication funneled through

the PRP Department is to achieve a uniform appearance. In addition, the County has certain requirements however; it may be possible to accommodate the Friends on a case by case basis.

The Committee has received a request for the renaming of the Port Tampa City Library and has requested further information from the Friends of the Port Tampa City Library and the community. Review of the request will be held at the next meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 30 at the John F. Germany Public Library.

Unfinished Business: Ms. Vickers asked whether any plans had been made to visit Sarasota to see the “green” construction. No plans have been made at this time.

Ms. Vickers asked whether grants for Sulphur Springs were being pursued. Ms. Zebos stated that a construction grant for the new library partnership with the School Board is being pursued. As far as program or operational grants that would be something that would be explored once the facility is online.

Mr. Johnson stated that a Request to Speak had been received from Ms. Tanya Wideman. **Ms. Vickers made the motion to amend the order of business to accommodate the speaker. Mr. Harkins seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Wideman stated that she was here on behalf of the late Ms. Evelyn Green, the civil rights leader who lived in Port Tampa. Ms. Wideman asked that the Library Board consider renaming the Port Tampa City Library in honor of Ms. Green. The Library Board requested that Ms. Wideman provide them with additional information from the family and the community. Ms. Wideman was given a copy of the Library Board’s policy on Naming of Facilities and was invited to attend the Policy & Bylaws Committee on November 30.

New Business: None.

Director’s Report: Ms. Zebos asked Ms. Gillon to distribute copies of Vision the Literacy Programs newsletter. Ms. Gillon stated that an annual event is held for the students where they share their experiences and describe how the Literacy Program has changed their lives.

Ms. Challenger distributed copies and discussed the FY 07 Library Materials Budget. The Executive Team approved a spending plan for FY07 that totals \$6,048,101. Input was received from the Administrative Team and the Materials Selection Council. An additional 4% for inflation was added in, \$475,000 for SouthShore and \$500,000 to get more books, DVDs and Books on CD in Bloomingdale and Upper Tampa Bay.

Books on Cassette will no longer be bought in favor of Books on CD. More money is allocated for Lease Books to help in filling holds and for DVDs in order to get more copies of popular titles. Less will be spent on CD music.

For the first time a subject area will get funding for system wide enhancement and this year the focus will be on travel.

There is a special fund to purchase titles on school reading lists to better meet the needs of our customers and to build our partnership with the schools. There is an ongoing commitment to the

Programming Collection which will start circulating Storytime Kits to emphasize “Every Child Ready to Read” early literacy skills.

Special Projects include, enhanced collections at College Hill, Brandon, John F. Germany, and Egypt Lake; Read Together Florida; and Children’s Services at Lake Magdalene and Beach Park.

Mr. Harkins asked which foreign language books are being provided and what is the percentage of Spanish readers that use the system? Ms. Challenger responded that one of our Key Objectives for FY07 is to increase the number of items in languages other than English by 10% each year. The largest portion of the budget purchases titles in Spanish but other languages are collected also, such as DVDs in Hindi and many of these come with sub-titles and/or dubbing. Ms. Challenger will address Mr. Harkins question further at the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Meeting Dates:

Budget - Tuesday, December 5, 2006 - 3:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library

Planning –Thursday, December 7, 2006 – 3:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library

Policy & Bylaws - Thursday, November 30, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library

Library Board – Thursday, December 7, 2006 - 4:00 p.m. at the John F. Germany Public Library