



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Riverview Library

July 27, 2023

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Chair), Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Jessica Ocasio, Liz Hawley, Mary Kate Downing, Abigail St. Clair, Michael Newett, Bob Argus, Carmen Alvarez and Alicia Guy.

Member(s) Absent: Lauren Guerin and Curtis Brown.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Kathleen Langevin, Melissa Lowe, Candy Granda, Karen Slaton, Shedriek Battle, and Jasmine Qronfleh.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum present. New Library Board member from District 4, Alicia Guy, was welcomed. It was announced that Michael Newett (District 4) was reappointed for another term and that Lauren Guerin (also District 4) has resigned due to relocation.

There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the June 22, 2023 meeting were approved.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2023 Budget report dated June 30, 2023 was reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding equipment outlay delays and database use.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff presented research of minor access policies from other top state and national libraries. Almost all libraries reviewed require a signature from a parent or guardian, but age of requirement varied. Juvenile card borrowing restrictions were more often on number of items that can be borrowed than on the type of items. Restrictions applied to internet use and AV materials (DVDs, music) – most had choices for opting in/out. Nearly a third of libraries reviewed had a school partnership which had some borrowing restrictions. Internet filtering was universal across libraries reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

The following members will serve on this year's Nominating Committee in preparation for Library Board officer elections in September 2023: Maggie Mardirosian, Mary Kate Downing, and Carmen Alvarez

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

An overview of the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) was provided including policies and categories. Content filtering and restricted access are already in place. CIPA requirements began in December 2000, and we have followed those filtering requirements based on our funding. The Library uses site-based filtering, not keyword filtering. Hotspots, Chromebooks, and personal devices using the library's Wi-Fi are also filtered. There is a process and review form in place for customers to request filtering be turned off for bona fide research.

There was a recent news article about trees near the site of the Brandon Regional Library replacement project and a citizen who has been lobbying the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners to conserve that location as a veteran's park. Staff clarified for the Library Board that we are not building on the corner with the trees and that the BOCC has been briefed on this. Studies have been done on the trees at the building site as well as a lot of community engagement about the project and location. We are currently in design discussions and it would take at least three years for project completion.

The Library's new Program Manager for Grants, Data, & Evaluation, Jasmine Qronfleh, was introduced along with Karen Slaton, Riverview Library's Branch Manager. Library Board members were invited to tour the facility after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 24, 2023 at C. Blythe Andrews Jr. Library.