



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
Seminole Heights Branch Library
June 22, 2023

Members Present: Phyllis Alpert (Chair), Jessica Ocasio, Carmen Alvarez, Liz Hawley, Mary Kate Downing, Abigail St.Clair and Michael Newett.

Member(s) Absent: Maggie Mardirosian (Secretary), Bob Argus, Lauren Guerin and Curtis Brown.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Jacquelyn Zebos, Chely Cantrell, Kathleen Langevin, Melissa Lowe, Allie Brazis, Jason Rogers.

The meeting was called to order at 4:07 pm with a quorum present.

There were no presentations from the public.

Minutes from the May 25, 2023 meeting were accepted as amended.

BUDGET REVIEW

The Library's Fiscal 2023 Budget report for May 31, 2023 was reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding Database Use/Downloads figures, in-person visits, app & social media interactions, and digital vs. physical borrowing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Staff shared that the July meeting agenda will include a presentation of the first findings comparing the juvenile borrowing policies and access rules of similar sized libraries in our state. At the August meeting we will discuss the integrated library system's (ILS) capabilities and bring back recommendations. There was discussion about public perception that the library may be banning materials and ways to address those concerns. The timeline for any outcomes from a final report and recommendations may happen toward the end of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Staff reported on the status of the Chromebook Distribution program, Library Laptops for Families. The program was funded by a \$1.6 million grant to help provide families with access to

school support and job skills information. The library has distributed more than 2,000 Chromebooks during 16 events and registered hundreds of residents for library cards. Additional laptop distribution events are scheduled for West Tampa Library and 78th Street Community Library. Questions were addressed regarding follow-up communication with the Chromebook borrowers and identification requirements for library card registration.

Chair Alpert announced that a Nominating Committee will be assembled in preparation for the upcoming Library Board officer elections. Any members interested in participating on the committee should contact the Library Board Coordinator.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2023 at Riverview Library.