



TAMPA-HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Maureen B. Gauzza Library

March 27, 2025

Members Present: Maggie Mardirosian (Chair), Liz Hawley (Secretary), Phyllis Alpert, Ami Marie Granger Welch, Michael Newett, Alicia Guy, Bob Argus.

Member(s) Absent: Carmen Alvarez (Vice Chair), Abigail StClair, Curtis Brown, Jessica Ocasio, Mary Kate Downing.

Staff Present: Andrew Breidenbaugh, Julio Granda, Frank Colia, Allie Brazis, Josh Bomaster, Jasmine Qronfleh, Hetalben Patel, Jennifer Iley, Jenifer Benner, Janet Marnatti, Jessica Miller.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm. A quorum was present later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT—None.

Minutes from the February 27, 2025 meeting were approved.

The Library's Fiscal 2025 Budget reports dated February 28, 2025 were reviewed along with monthly activity summaries. Clarification was provided regarding passport applications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Library Board discussed the results of an informal poll to consider a change in meeting time. Concerns were raised about the consistency of timing for the public as well as driving after dark. Following input, the Chair recommended and all agreed that discussion continue at next meeting and a vote be taken in May.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff presented a tour of the library's Digital collections such as Burgert Brothers Photographic collections, local history, Oral histories, history & genealogy, library art and artifacts and partnership collections.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Argus, it was reported that staff are currently working to bring the Library's donations policy in line with County changes before seeking any public donations.

Ms. Alpert brought up the topic of other library systems discontinuing HOOPLA due to funding and staff, responded that there are no plans to discontinue THPL's Hoopla subscription at this time.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

An update was provided on recent government actions that could potentially impact library funding in future years including State Aid, E-Rate, Tampa Bay Library Consortium, etc.

The Library Board was informed regarding future planning at the Clearwater main library.

Branch Manager, Jennifer Iley, was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm. The next regular meeting of the Public Library Board is Thursday, April 24, 2025 starting 4pm at Jan Kaminis Platt Regional Library.