

MINUTES

Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board

January 22, 2009

LAKES REGION LIBRARY

The regular meeting of the Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board was held on January 22, 2009, 4:00 PM at the Lakes Region Library, located at 1511 Druid Rd., Inverness, FL 34452

Board members present: Chair, Richard Byrnes, Harley Nelson, Adelaide Keller, Marianne Quack, E. E. Renfro, Edith Ramlow

Board members excused absences: Sylvia Wilson, Elaine Ranous

Staff Liaison: Flossie Benton Rogers, Director

CALL TO ORDER

- ◆ Meeting called to order by the Chair, Richard Byrnes, at 4:00 PM.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- ◆ Quorum present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ◆ Minutes of December 18, 2008 approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Fundraising Committee - N/A**
- ◆ **Planning Committee – Richard Byrnes, Chair**
 - Floral City Library, construction appears to be ahead of schedule.
 - Floral City grand opening date has been set tentatively for May 1st, 2009.
- ◆ **Library Information Outreach – Edith Ramlow, Chair**

REGULAR BUSINESS

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION “LIBRARIES & ECONOMY”

- ◆ Library Director shared with the Board information from American Library Association’s website, about a new webpage called “Libraries & Economy.” The webpage is dedicated to providing information about what Libraries can do to meet the challenges that arise during hard economic times. Libraries are part of the solution when a community is struggling economically. Libraries help with online researching, providing business centers for finding employment, retraining, online job applications, creating resumés and a variety of other resources.
- ◆ The Library has an upcoming program in February for people who are moving back into society from incarceration and being reintroduced into the community. The Library can assist them with adult literacy, job seeking, resumé preparation, and other resources to assist them in becoming valuable citizens of the community.

FLORAL CITY CONSTRUCTION

- ◆ Library Director provided a handout of Floral City’s construction schedule.
- ◆ Photos, color swatches and patterns from Floral City Construction were displayed for board members.

IMPACT FEES

- ◆ Reducing Transportation impact fees recently does not affect libraries at this time.

BANNING BOOKS –LEAD

- ◆ American Library Association is currently working on the outstanding law issue about Lead in Library books before February 2009.

STATE AID & BUDGET

- ◆ State Aid is estimated to be \$84,995, \$30,000 less than the budgeted amount. The county has entered Phase I Budget which is the planning stage of projects such as building maintenance.

ADULT LITERACY

- ◆ We have 22 adult learners matched with 22 tutors. We have 20-25 additional tutors to be trained. Arrangements are being made with the Adult Literacy Coalition to schedule the next tutor training for mid-April. We have applied for a grant from the Charles Evans Book Fund that will allow us to have vouchers for adult literacy materials, such as, training books and citizenship books. The grant amounts to \$7226.

Our adult literacy program is doing well. The training sessions are taking place at all the libraries. Learners establish their own goals in conjunction with the tutor in order to successfully reach goals such as assistance in passing a test, reading letters or assisting their children with homework. The tutor will know what level the learner is by assessing their skill level at the beginning session and this will help the tutor know how they have progressed through tutoring.

The adult literacy tutors have been invited to attend the Volunteer Appreciation to be held in April. In addition, after the first year of the Adult Literacy Program we will have an appreciation day for the tutors and adult learners, possibly a graduation ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

◆ PAVERS

We have not found anyone that can install the pavers. The remaining couple hundred pavers are dark. There are places that will engrave but do not provide installation. Flossie Benton-Rogers will investigate at the next Floral City Construction meeting for possible contacts for paver installation.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Great African American Read-In will be held February 8, 2009, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Old Courthouse.
- ◆ Begin a planning committee for future building of Citrus Springs Library.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MOTION TO ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING

- The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be on Thursday, February 26, 2009, 4:00 PM Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills, FL 34465

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Arriaga, Recording Secretary