

MINUTES

Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board

July 23, 2009

Coastal Region Library

The regular meeting of the Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board was held on July 23, 2009, 4:00 PM at Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, FL 34428.

Board members present: Chair, Richard Byrnes, Adelaide Keller, Elaine Ranous, E. E. Ren Renfro, Sheree Monroe, Harley Nelson, Marianne Quack, Sylvia Wilson, Edith Ramlow

Staff Liaison: Flossie Benton Rogers, Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- ◆ Quorum present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ◆ Minutes of June 25, 2009 approved.

REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Fundraising Committee - N/A**
- ◆ **Planning Committee – N/A**
- ◆ **Library Information Outreach** – Are there any services provided by the Library for Autism? Flossie Benton Rogers indicated that the Library does not have a specific program for Autism. In the past, Autism cases have been assisted on a case by case basis.

REGULAR BUSINESS

- ◆ **Coastal Region Library Update** – provided by Lesa Ehlers, Branch Manager. Coastal Region Library Community Room and Youth Area have been upgraded. Coastal Region Library is experiencing more patron traffic for on-line social services such as job search, food stamps, and other government services. Childhood Development Services out of Ocala, Hernando and Citrus Springs County work in conjunction with our Youth Librarian, Debbie Robitaille to assist parents to read to their children. (LAB members had a tour of the newly upgraded areas of this library.)

Workforce Connection, Citrus County Employment Agency, received a grant through federal stimulus money and partnered with a business from Pennsylvania to provide students the opportunity to go to a worksite, receive minimum wages and learn how to integrate and socialize in the work environment. Citrus County Library System received six interns. The interns are serving at various Citrus County library locations and working in different specialized areas such as Adult Literacy, Learning Services, and Youth Services. (Flossie Benton Rogers passed around photos of the interns on the job.)

- ◆ **Adult Literacy Update** -120 tutors, 66 learners, 33 matched as of today. One of the initiatives of the program is the Conversational Café, a mechanism used for people of other languages to have the opportunity to practice and speak better English. The intern working with the Literacy Program at Homosassa Public Library assisted with questions that will be used to initiate or

stimulate conversation during the Conversational Café. (Director passed out samples of questions.) The pilot project will begin at Homosassa Public Library.

- ◆ **Budget Update** - Flossie Benton Rogers passed out a revised draft budget for 2009-2010. This budget report is the results of the property appraiser's assessment of the ad valorem taxes. The ad valorem revenue figures came in better than anticipated. All staff and operations have been accounted for in the budget presented. The final 2009-2010 budget will be approved at the BOCC meeting, September 22, 2009.
- ◆ **Reminder:** Special Library Advisory Board District member expiration of terms September 2009. Please submit application form to the Library Administrative Offices. Members whose terms are expiring: Edith Ramlow, Sheree Monroe, Harley Nelson, Elaine Ranous, and E.E. Ren Renfro. (**Note:** Update – The BOCC has determined that advisory board terms will not expire until January 31 of each year.)
- ◆ **American African Read-In:** LAB Member, Sylvia Wilson, inquired about possibly setting up a partnership event with Adult Literacy and American African Read-In event.

OLD BUSINESS

- ◆ **Inmate Program Update** – Further plans are pending until probations contact person returns to work.

NEW BUSINESS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- ◆ Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING

- ◆ The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be on Thursday, August 27, 2009 4:00 PM at Homosassa Public Library, 4100 S. Grandmarch Ave., Homosassa, FL 34446

Respectfully submitted:

Theresa Arriaga, Recording Secretary