

Hendry County Library Cooperative Minutes, May 6, 2025

Opening Remarks

- The Hendry County Library Cooperative Board was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Toni Couse at Clewiston Public Library.

Roll Call of Members

- **Present:** Natasha Hayes, Toni Couse, Jackie Espinoza, Priscilla Brown, Nicole Hellard, Denisesha Thorpe, and Patrick Bridwell. **Absent:** Carol Rushing.

Minutes from Last Meeting

- A motion to accept the minutes from the meeting held on February 20, 2025 was made by Patrick Bridwell and seconded by Jackie Espinoza. The motion was carried.

Director's Report

- Insignia updates; Harlem is still waiting for word from the County as to what they need to do in order to complete the install process. Barron Library has encountered some errors/interruptions with the software. When this occurs, emails are sent to the helpdesk for resolution.
 - AR levels and points have been input into Insignia and are viewable in the catalog for circulation purposes.

Old Business

- Natasha is working on the Hendry County Impact Fee study.

New Business

- Library Meeting Room Policy and Application is provided to the Board for review. Non-profit groups will be able to use rooms free of charge. For profit groups will be charged \$50.00/hour with a 1 hour minimum. A motion to accept this new policy was made by Denisesha and seconded by Mr. Bridwell. The motion was carried.
- Suncoast Credit Union Grant-STEAM Summer Program Funds-Barron, Clewiston, and Moore Haven library's will have approximately \$2,000 in grant funds this summer for STEAM/STEM programs via a grant through the Collaboratory and Suncoast Credit Union.
- Room to Read Grant-a funding source/opportunity is available to assist Hendry and Glades county with Literacy programming this coming Fall and Spring. Each participating library is responsible for scheduling programs and submitting invoices to SWFLN. Additional details will be forthcoming regarding the exact amount available to each branch.
- Revised Library Fines/Fees Policy -will be changed to reflect the following changes: Copies: BW-\$0.25 cents per page and Color-\$1.00 per page; Scans and Faxes: \$2.00 per job, Non-resident cards: \$10.00/3 months, \$20.00/6 months and \$30.00/year. A motion was made by Patrick and seconded by Carol. The motion was carried.

Member Library Reports: each library will provide their monthly calendars as an attachment to the minutes so that the public will be able to see what's happening at each library monthly.

Barron Public Library:

- See attached calendars

Florida B. Thomas Library

- See attached calendars

Clewiston Public Library:

- See attached calendars

Selection of Date and Location for Next Meeting-

- August 27, 2025 at 5:15 at the Florida B. Thomas Library.

Public Remarks-

- No comments

Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

