

Hendry County Library Cooperative Minutes,

2/2/23

Opening Remarks

- The Hendry County Library Cooperative Board was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Toni Couse at Florida B Thomas Community Library.

Roll Call of Members

- Present: Natasha Hayes, Toni Couse, Jackie Espinoza, Gretchen Debree, Nicole Hellard, Carol Rushing and Joyce Harper & Anna Littles (on behalf of the Florida B. Thomas Library Advisory Board). Absent - Patrick Bridwell.

Minutes from Last Meeting

- A vote to accept the minutes from the December 1, 2022 meeting was motioned by Carol Rushing and seconded by Jackie Espinoza.

Director's Report

- The TLC Migration is still being worked on. There are 2 reports completed and 1 left which should be completed by the end of February or March. Then the date for the migration will be scheduled.

Old Business

- Long Range Plan is complete. There was a motion made by Jackie Espinoza and seconded by Carol Rushing to accept the plan.

New Business

- Annual Plan of Service 2023-2024 will be reviewed. There will be a vote at the next meeting in May.
- On behalf of the Harlem Library Advisory Board, Joyce Harper and Anna Littles was in attendance at today's meeting. It was stated the Board approved Ms. Harper as their designated representative and Ms. Littles will serve as their alternate in case of an absence. The Library Director informed the Cooperative Board that we would need this information in writing. Ms. Harper stated that she would obtain this document which will allow the Cooperative Board to vote on this vacancy at May's meeting.

Member Library Reports

Each Library will be continuing with present programs that have been successful. Each library will continue to adhere to the CDC guidelines and offer programs to their patrons that are in a safe and sanitary environment.

Barron Public Library:

- The library is continuing to add Adult Fiction and Children's Spanish materials.
- New Childrens' materials for Black History month, Native American Heritage Month, Earth Day and Random Acts of Kindness week will be purchased.
- The library will be closed for Swamp Cabbage Festival. It will offer paid parking.
- Dr. Suess Birthday will be celebrated in March.
- Will be attending SWFLN Early Literacy Play Training in February and Friends Training in March.

Florida B. Thomas Library

- There was a book signing event held at the library on Monday 1/30, for a local author Adrienne Samples.
- A field trip was scheduled for 2/11 in honor of Black History Month to the African American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale.
- The Library's annual event, "Black History Family Night", is scheduled for 2/22 and plans are being finalized.
- A new program "Teen Girl Book Club" will be starting the second week of February and will meet bi-monthly. There will be a discussion on a book they have read.

Clewiston Public Library:

- Clewiston Library continues to offer many different programs and activities monthly such as Anime Club weekly, exploring virtual reality, Lego Builders and art club.
- A Scavenger Hunt is offered monthly where children find the object and answer riddles.
- Book Club is continuing to meet monthly.
- A video game club is held weekly, there are craft days and afterschool snack decorating.

Public Remarks: none

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, May 4, 2023** at the Clewiston Library @ 12:00pm.