

Hendry County Library Cooperative Minutes,

5/4/23

Present: Natasha Hayes, Toni Couse, Jackie Espinoza, Priscilla Brown, Nicole Hellard and Carol Rushing, Patrick Bridwell and Anna Littles.

The Hendry County Library Cooperative Board was called to order by Toni Couse at Clewiston Public Library. A vote to accept the minutes from the February meeting was motioned by Carol Rushing and seconded by Patrick Bridwell.

Director's Report

- Overdrive is transitioning to Libby. So if patrons are looking for ebooks, they will see the Libby icon on our website.

Old Business

- Long Range Plan 2024-2028 is complete. There was a motion made by Patrick Bridwell and seconded by Carol Rushing to accept the Long Range plan.
- Annual Plan of Service 2023-2024 was reviewed. A motion to accept the plan was made by Jackie Espinoza and seconded by Patrick Bridwell. It was approved by members.
- Florida B Thomas Library has appointed Joyce Littles as their cooperative board representative. It was also approved by their board that Anna Littles will serve as the alternate in case of Ms. Harper's absence.
- TLC has scheduled migration on June 2nd after 5 pm.

New Business

- Welcome to Mrs. Priscilla Brown, the new director of the Florida B. Thomas Library in Harlem.
- Tumbleweed Press Subscription is shared by all three librarians. Statistics do not justify the current rate we are paying. Therefore it was decided that this subscription would not be renewed for the upcoming year. the motion was made by Mr. Bridwell and seconded by Ms. Rushing.

Member Library Reports

Each Library will be continuing with present programs that have been successful.

Barron Public Library:

- Summer Reading Program presentations have been finalized.

- Swamp Cabbage parking was successful and the Dessert Auction was well attended.
- The library hosted a Women's self defense class.
- Continue to brainstorm Friends of the Barron Library option.
- A donation was received from Oaks Grove RV. Legos were purchased and a Lego wall was installed.

Florida B. Thomas Library

- Since Mrs. Brown is new to the library director position. She has begun to implement programs in the Harlem library. She has decided to have a poetry event and a chess group for people to learn how to play along with various other events she plans to bring to the community.

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 which allows children and their families to search for clues throughout the library in order to solve the riddle. This is a very popular passive program.
- Adult Book Club is continuing to meet monthly.
- Weekly programs consist of: Anime club, Video Game Club, weekly arts and crafts, Lego Club, and various STEAM related activities.
- Summer reading program planning has been finalized and staff are eager and ready to begin the summer events. A few of the presenters for this summer's program are: Monday Movie Madness, Florida Archaeology Storytime, Digeridoo Down Under, a Juggling and Illusion Show, and Wild at Heart Florida Animals, as well as more.

Public Remarks: none

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, August 17th** at the Clewiston Library @ 12:00 pm.