

Hendry County Library Cooperative Minutes

August 17, 2023

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

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 May meeting was motioned by Patrick Bridwell and seconded by Jackie Espinoza. The motion was carried.

Director's Report

- State Aid reports are needed. It will be applied for in September in order to meet the October 1st deadline.

Old Business

- TLC migration has been completed.
- The Tumbleweed Press Subscription has been cancelled.

New Business

- A zoom meeting was held with ILS vendor. There was a presentation about Insignia Circulation System. The cost of this program will be \$18,000. It will meet the needs of each library and make it easier when it comes to the circulation of books. This system will also do many programs that will be beneficial to growth in our library system. A motion to approve purchasing this program was made by Jackie and seconded by Anna Littles. The motion was carried.

Barron Public Library:

- Ongoing Programs: Chess Club, sewing club, book club, Spanish class which has been a huge success.
- Stuffed animal sleepover was a success.
- Summer reading program was successful but numbers were low.
- Friends of the Library will happen. It is in the works.
- Revamped story time and Crafternoons will resume in September.
- New interior signage was purchased.

Florida B. Thomas Library

- Mrs. Brown has started many programs. Programs are Bingo w/ seniors, reading competition, a writing program, sewing and crocheting and poetry labs.
- The summer ended w/ "Night in Black"
- Friends of the Library has started.

Clewiston Public Library:

- Clewiston Library continues to offer many different programs and activities monthly such as Anime Club weekly, exploring virtual reality, Lego Builders Club, art club, Manga Club via Zoom,
- A Scavenger Hunt is offered in monthly and 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.
- Many activities are offered each week for children and adults.

Public Remarks: none

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 16th** at the Harlem Library @ 12:00 pm.