

**Approved
July 2023**

**YORK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

CALL TO ORDER

Linda Reviea, Chair, called the regular meeting of the York County Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board of Trustees were in attendance: Linda Reviea, Pam Franz, Melissa McGill, Michelle Wind, Cynthia Colonna, and Kevin Smith, Library Director.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

PRESENTATION

MINUTES

The minutes from the April 13, 2023 meeting were read. Ms. Franz made the motion to approve the minutes as amended, motion carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith informed the Board of the following:

Budget

Still waiting for General Assembly to adopt State budget.

Adopted FY24 Library Budget \$4,070,695.

Operations & Facilities

Girl Scout Silver Award-Yorktown Learning Garden, August.

RFQ for online Law Library. Looking into Westlaw and LexisNexis.

New local artwork at Yorktown Library.

“Next Chapter” Library Video.

Library Board and County Administration Concerns

In response to Library Board and County Administration concerns about collection development and censorship issues across the state, Mr. Smith addressed the following points:

- Monthly Book Displays
 - Themed according to library programs, seasons, or nationally recognized celebrations, i.e. Women's History, Black History, Indigenous History, etc.
- Obscenity Laws/Morals and Decency Code of VA 18.2-391
 - Consulted with County Attorney, Library is exempt from "obscene materials" law by Code of VA18.2-391.1.
- Collection Development Policy
 - In addition to professional reviews and awards, book selection is based on permanent value, literary/artistic merit, historical significance, collection balance, and overall quality.
- Collection Development Practices
 - Book purchases are made by only two people, the Collection Development Librarian and Youth Services Librarian with Director's oversight.
 - Supports community standards.
 - Knowing and understanding the community we serve.

Programs and Event Highlights

- Coloring & Conversation, 2nd Monday of month, Yorktown.
- Tech Tuesdays, 2nd Tuesday of month, Yorktown.
- What is Astronomy?-Astronomer Kelly Herbst, Tabb, July 8.
- Summer Reading: Mission Read, July 3-August 12.
- Tabb High Astronomy Club Stargazing, Tabb, July 15.
- Writer's Open Mic, Yorktown, July 16.
- Tabletop Gaming, Tabb, July 23.
- Sailing under the Stars, Yorktown, July 21; Tabb July 28
- Hummingbirds, Wild Birds Unlimited, Yorktown, July 29.
- NASA SK8TRnauts, Yorktown, July 29.

YORK COUNTY REPORT

BOS will have a special meeting in August to discuss Williamsburg Regional Library.

The Library Board asked for guidance from the County Administration on how to respond to citizens questions about York County's funding to WRL.

Draft of 2040 Comprehensive Plan online at Planning Division website.

Water Street design concepts online at Planning Division website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The Board voted to not have a meeting in August.

OLD BUSINESS

TRUSTEE COMMENTS/REPORT

Ms. Wind commented that the Summer Reading Program kickoff was fantastic.

Ms. Colonna expressed her appreciation for the Summer Reading Program and the Peonies and Poison Mystery program.

Ms. Reviea stated her appreciation for the teen volunteers helping to register children for the Summer Reading Program at Yorktown Library. She was also impressed with the library statistics published in the FY24 Budget document.

Ms. Franz recommended a periodic "Did You Know" public service announcement on library website, social media, and cable channel about library programs and statistics.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Ms. Franz made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 14, 2023, 5:00 p.m., at the Yorktown Library.

Linda Reviea, Chair

Prepared by: Kevin Smith, Library Director