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FRANKLIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of the Meeting

12 March 2019

The Franklin County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 9 am at the Main Library in Rocky Mount. Members present were Chairman Bill Mitchell, Keith Ferrell, Sarah Ann Bowman, Sharon Tudor, John Leary and Director Alison Barry. Bethany Worley was unable to attend.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTS: The Board reviewed the statistical and financial reports provided by Director, Alison Barry.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Director noted that longtime staff member Dorothy.Hodges would be retiring for health reasons on March 1.

Library events continue to be well- and enthusiastically attended, and the Director reported that sign-ups for both adult and children's Summer Reading Programs are strong. Additionally, much patron-interest was reported in advance of storyteller Shelia Arnold, and the library's special event focusing on cast-iron cooking.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was informed of the vital importance of continuing professional development programs for staff members, something the Director vigorously supports and encourages. Additional funds would be sought from the county to underwrite these programs; this funding would be included in the library's formal annual budget.

The Director reported on efforts to use funds freed by Dorothy Hodges' retirement to support additional part-time staff.

A portable office will provide workspace for the children's librarian at the Westlake Branch.

Funding sources continue to be sought for the T-shirts given to patrons in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program. There was discussion of possible alternative to T-shirts, but it was generally agreed that the T-shirts provide more public prominence for the program than would a lanyard or membership card.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:00 am
Submitted by: Keith Ferrell