

CATAWBA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes of September 10, 2019

The Catawba County Library Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 11:30 am, in the Conference Room of the Main Library in Newton.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Moretz, Honey Estrada, Carol Preston, Greg Cain, Tamara Shavers, Carmen Isenhour and Suzanne White, Library Director.

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Nicky Setzer

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Morteiz, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:35 am

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public attended.

MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New Board Members

Introductions of new library board members

Summer Learning

2200 kids registered

150 programs

8000 in attendance

Grants

LSTA LiveWell @ the Library grant of \$3200 to expand healthy living programs/classes.

LSTA Strategic Planning Grant to gain community and stakeholder input to plan for library services, resources, and facilities.

State Library Commission

Suzanne serves on the State Library Commission, the advisory board for the State Library. Timothy Owens is serving as the new State Librarian, and the commission is currently conducting strategic planning. Their next meeting is in November 2019.

Programming and Services

The library is partnering with the Green Room, CVCC, Lenoir Rhyne University and the Hickory Public Library to do an Off-Broadway play, *Black Angels Over Tuskegee*, along with a community read for children and adults.

The library is also partnering with CVCC on a Community Read of Tara Westover's memoir, *Educated*, with a broad array of programming and discussion around the work.

The Arts @ the Library initiative is ongoing, with recent programs including My Catawba County Photography Contest, community bookmark contest, branch libraries exhibiting arts, Art-o-Mat.

The library is working with community partners for a series of programming Celebrating 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote

The library is working with county partners on a Complete Count Committee to help ensure full and accurate count for the 2020 Census.

Library to Go

The Library to Go has had a very successful year so far, and now has a presence at Catawba Rosenwald Education Center, Ridgecrest Apartments, Centro Latino, Hickory Career Arts and Magnet School, Tyndall Center and other daycare and senior facilities, along with lunch and learn programs in several community areas. The main point is to provide numerous resources and program to the underserved. The Library to Go has circulated 684 items and had issued 153 library cards. The Library to Go will also be visiting multi-cultural events, farmer's markets and the Old Soldiers Reunion in the next few months.

Wi-Fi Hotspots

The community has expressed appreciation of the Wi-Fi hotspots provided by the library. The library is adding 30 new hotspots to the collection in order to provide more of this service to the community. Individuals are using this service for employment and continuing education opportunities, school work, skyping with family, and reading eBooks, among many others. The library worked with the legal department to develop an appropriate system in an effort to ensure the hotspots/laptop were being returned to the library. The library has checked out 204 W-Fi hotspots and 106 laptop computers.

Linda Reynolds-State Library Management Consultant

Ms. Reynolds provided a Library Board Orientation program highlighting roles and responsibilities of Library Boards in advising and advocating for public libraries in North Carolina.

Advocacy Opportunities

Thank you to the board for taking any opportunities to advocate for library services as you work, live, and play in Catawba County.

Main Library Tour

Board members received a tour of the Newton Library highlighting empowering library services and resources.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Next Regular Scheduled Library Board Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Newton Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Tyler Garrison