

**DAVIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
March 18, 2021**

Until further notice, meetings of the Davie County Library Board of Trustees will be held electronically, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

PRESENT: Debra Woodruff, Regina Graham, Lisa Nielsen, Carole Demmy, Chris Hazlip, Derrick Wold,
Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by vice-chair, Debra Woodruff.

Regina moved and Chris seconded the motion to approve the January 2021 minutes as emailed. **Motion passed.**

Reports of the Library Director

Operations Report:

- Tutor.com: Our contract allows for unlimited usage of their services. 160 uses in February; 2 in January. Davie County Schools has given \$4000 toward this service.
- Capital Improvement Campaign: This has been tabled due to the lessening of the county's income in 2020. Derek will try again next year. He has been meeting with various companies about ways to improve services to our patrons.
- Training Dates: On March 29, the library will be closed to patrons. It will be a Strategic Planning Day. On April 28, the library will be closed for an all-day training for staff, to help library be more inclusive to patrons.
- LSTA Strategic Planning Grant: 400 surveys were completed and returned. Focus groups will meet on March 29. A plan will be drafted and they will meet again with the Steering Committee. Plans should be completed by June.

Staff Report

- Youth Services Librarian position is in the interview process.
- Summer Reading Program: "Tales and Tails" planning is taking place. Information should go out to public in April.
- NC Live Workshops: Jasmine and Derek are presenters in April and May.
- Staff Vaccinations: Davie County staff can now get vaccinations as part of Group 3. Many have already done so. Cleaning and sanitizing of the library are still being done.

Budget:

- Budget for 2021-22 was amended to include \$21,535.
- Library presence in Bermuda Run/Advance – Derek is investigating the use of remote lockers, placed where there is much foot traffic, to be used to exchange books in that area. The Outreach Van will deliver and retrieve books

from the locker. Patrons scan their library cards at the locker. Derek is investigating a grant to purchase the locker. (See attached locker information.)

- The library is still fine-free and staff is removing fines from patrons' accounts. The staff is exploring becoming fine-free permanently.
- The Federal Stimulus Package is providing money for museums and libraries to increase services. Ideas for use at DCPL include converting the MPR to a studio for remote learning or other creative uses; expand digital resources; remote lockers; expand the computer lab; make library more ADA compliant (i.e., exterior doors). There is 100% reimbursement for technology.

New Business:

- Tracking usage of DCPL during the pandemic: Reopening in September (450), October (2000+), February (3300); about 1/3 of pre-pandemic usage.
- Derek expressed his appreciation for the Trustees' support over the last year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be May 20, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.