

Library Board Radford Public Library

Present in-person: Wilson Rankin, Isabella Calfee, Jenni Goodman

Present via Zoom: Annyce Levy, Claudia Jones

Absent: Betty Overdorf, John Yamine

Note taker: Elizabeth Sensabaugh, RPL Director

- I. New Business
 - A. The November 2021 meeting notes were approved in a motion moved by Wilson and seconded by Jenni. These notes will be added to the website.

- II. Staffing
 - A. Staff member Aaron Mason has completed his MLIS with ODU!
 - B. Staff member Duncan Hall has begun his first semester at UNC Greensboro.
 - C. Part time staff member Alyssa Long has achieved three classes toward her MLIS at UNC Greensboro.
 - D. Full time staff member Forest Simmons is in progress on her MLIS with one semester remaining at University of Tennessee.
 - E. Story has been approved for a Saint Francis Service Dogs Facility Dog at RPL. Four levels of advanced training must be accomplished to begin working as a Facility Dog.

- III. Programming
 - A. Tree Lighting and City Parade have been accomplished and all went well! The Tree Lighting event was held outdoors in the parking lot. Grove Methodist Hand Bell Choir members Olivia and Libby provided music. Radford Coffee Company handed out hot chocolate and cookies as purchased by library Lamplighters. The Mayor emceed and a great time was had by all. For the City Parade, several staff drove/rode the decorated Library Car and handed out treats!
 - B. 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, sponsored by Atmos Energy, is underway. Badge books have been purchased and are being given away as children, ages 5 years and under, sign up to participate. A big kudos to Morgan Esterhuizen, Youth Librarian, for bringing the Badge Books idea to the forefront. The books have been a hit!
 - C. Radford Reads with Radford University is in progress for author Daniel Nayeri to visit RU campus, Belle Heth 3rd graders, RCHS, and select DIS students on 4/5 and 4/6/2022. This event is also primarily funded by Atmos Energy.

- IV. Budget
 - A. The budget is on track.

- V. Misc.
 - A. Wilson mentioned ideas pertaining to Radford Transit, library patrons, library access. He suggested that, given the circumstances of the last 'perfect' snowstorm and the impact on Main St walkways, perhaps Radford Transit would want to pick up and drop off at the library lot during snow or inclement weather. There was some lag time in the sidewalks around the building being shoveled and treated. Annyce suggested that perhaps the library could hire an outside person to handle the grounds as needed due to inclement weather.

- B. Bella mentioned the reading app Beanstack that the library provides. She spoke highly of the useful features including the ease of logging books and offering book reviews. Beanstack is a great way to participate in reading challenges for all ages throughout the year.
 - C. Jenni mentioned that she's been having challenges using My Libro. When trying to renew materials, she receives a 'action is unavailable' or similar message. Claudia voiced similar concerns that the app can be glitchy and she'll sometimes wait a day before trying to use it again to see if issues have resolved. Claudia also mentioned the significant delay between scheduling a pick up and materials being available. Duncan has followed up with My Libro about an issue with placing holds. We will try again to resolve these issues.
 - D. Wilson reminded Sensabaugh that the bike rack that Annyce mentioned at the last meeting is not available. This needs to be ordered to replace the bike rack that was once secured where the new walk-up window currently is.
 - E. Wilson asked about the status of the meeting room and whether the new policy was in place for reserving 2 months in advance rather than 3 months. There was some conversation about working on the room, including updating the space to offer new flooring and painting, and to make it look nicer in general. Prior to the pandemic, this was a plan as money was spent to update the projector equipment and screen. Sensabaugh suggested that other than the groups who have been using the room routinely the past couple of years, it would be good for the library to have open access to the room in order to provide trainings and programs for the public.
- VI. Jenni made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Isabella seconded that motion.