



**LAKE COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**Minutes**

November 19, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.  
Lake County Ag Center, Training Room A

**MEMBERS / ALTERNATES ATTENDING:**

Phyllis Smith, Member, District 1  
Catherine Hanson, Member, District 4  
John Nystrom, Member, District 5  
Leslie Temmen, Member, Helen Lehmann Memorial Library  
Frank Kirschenheiter, Member, Lady Lake Public Library  
Mary Page, Alternate, Minneola Schoolhouse Library  
Norma Emerson, Member, Tavares Public Library  
Rosa Rosario, Alternate, Tavares Public Library  
Cheryl Heggemeier, Member, Umatilla Public Library  
Ed Rowlett, Member, W. T. Bland Public Library

**OTHERS ATTENDING:**

Commissioner Timothy Sullivan, Lake County Library Liaison and BCC  
Paul Alford, Division Manager, Lake County Library Services  
Lucy Gangone, Director, Leesburg Public Library  
Diane Merchant, Director, Minneola Schoolhouse Library  
Stephanie Haines, Director, W.T. Bland Public Library  
Bill Smith, Guest  
Karen Gouker, Recording Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Vice Chair Ed Rowlett called the meeting of the Lake County Library Advisory Board to order at 5:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence observed.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS:** The chair acknowledged regular guest Bill Smith.

**NOTICE OF MEETING – PROOF OF PUBLICATION:** Proof of publication was presented.

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 15, 2015 LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** Cheryl Heggemeier moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2015 meeting of the library advisory board. After being seconded by Phyllis Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

**CITIZEN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD:** None presented.

**COMMISSION LIAISON'S REPORT:** Commissioner Timothy Sullivan noted that things have quieted down at the County and discussions with legislators are focusing on priorities. The number 2 priority for Lake County is to have State Aid to Libraries restored to previous levels. In closing, he expressed his appreciation for support of the penny sales tax.



**DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Deputy County Manager Bill Veach is at a Florida Association of Counties meeting and so is unable to attend the Lake County Library Advisory Board meeting.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:** None, Chair Carol Wasserman was unable to attend the meeting, and Vice Chair Ed Rowlett conducted the meeting in her absence.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:** Paul reported that the Lake County Library System has been accepted into the *Career Online High School* (COHS) pilot program through the State Library, for adults seeking high school diplomas. Eleven libraries statewide have been chosen to participate. The process for enrollment will begin in December and run through March, 2016. The State is guaranteeing Lake County Library System 30 scholarships to award. Applicants must be at least 19 years of age and have completed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition they must have a current LCLS library card. Staff is getting information and preparing for training. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

On October 31<sup>st</sup> the East Lake County Library held its *1<sup>st</sup> Annual STEM Pumpkin Chunkin' Contest* with several teams competing using catapults and trebuchets to hurl pumpkins toward a barrel 100 feet away from the launch site. The event's Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) focus is part of a national effort to attract young people to the fields of technology and engineering. Over 120 people attended, and the event garnered excellent press coverage. Once again, Lake County Library System had a presence at the annual Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire.

Lastly, Paul led a DAQRI demonstration featuring free downloadable apps utilizing iPads to view embedded holograms in printed targets resulting in 3D simulation. This technology is referred to as AR (augmented reality). iPads were distributed around the table so members could participate in a hands-on experience. Some of the targets used included the human body, the heart, the solar system and a dinosaur. The board's reaction was overwhelmingly positive. Paul had previously shared this presentation with the Library Directors and asked them to think about the implications for libraries. It has been suggested that AR technology could be utilized in book talks and scavenger hunts.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A revised 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule was distributed in keeping with the board's previous request for more meetings to be held at libraries.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Frank Kirschenheiter passed around a report from Marsha Brinson recapping current Lady Lake Library activities. She noted that programming and attendance have increased, and adult & youth library staff are busy with plans for the future. The library will be participating in the *Lady Lake Christmas Parade* on December 5<sup>th</sup>; its float will reflect the parade theme, "Christmas Stories." Special Thanksgiving programs are scheduled for next week, including a children's cooking class with Zee Carter. Renovations to create a friendlier, safer environment in the youth library are slated for next year, as well as creation of a Maker Space. The Friends group is expanding its book sale room into the lobby area.

Catherine Hanson commended the East Lake County Library staff for its successful *Pumpkin Chunkin'* contest, and Elizabeth Steele in particular, for a job well done. Catherine Hanson Real Estate sponsored a team in the competition, and although they didn't win, lots of fun was had by all.

Rosa Rosario announced that the Tavares Public Library expansion plan was presented and approved at the November 18, 2015 Tavares City Council meeting. The expansion will double the size of the current library. Rosa noted that Tavares will be applying for library impact fees to assist with construction costs. As usual, the library event schedule is filled with programs, including *Stress Free Holiday Cooking; Senior Cinema; Conversational Spanish; Minecraft Hands-On, Offline*



*Club; Ice Cream Social; and Genealogy*, to name a few. The library is participating in the City of Tavares Christmas Celebration with a dress-up storytime for kids, and will be giving away books.

Diane Merchant from the Minneola Schoolhouse Library reported a very successful book sale by the Friends Group. These individuals work hard all year, sorting books as they are received in preparation for the twice yearly book sales. The group also makes money by renting out half the tables. One of the newest programs at the library is *Color Me Calm*. Adult coloring books and programs have become popular throughout the country as people experience relaxation and a meditative state through this experience. Diane said she wanted to brag about her volunteers as they basically run the library in Minneola.

Leslie Temmen introduced herself as the new member representing the Helen Lehmann Memorial Library. She said that though the Montverde library may be small, it is valued highly and boasts a very active homework club and 4H club. Earlier this month the library set up a table at the annual *Montverde Day Festival* and it was literally mobbed with people interested to know more about the library.

Stephanie Haimes from the W.T. Bland Public Library gave an update on the library's Wi-Fi Hotspot program. Presently all hotspots have been checked out and she has a waiting list. When asked about problems with returns, she said if after a week patrons do not return the device she notifies T-Mobile and service is turned off to that hotspot. On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, author Robert Macomber will present "*Cuba's Fight for Freedom – Stories from the Honor Series.*" Timothy Totten concluded a 3-part series on Frank Lloyd Wright this past Monday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, and will embark on another 3-part series featuring the famous architect in February 2016. Jim Sawgrass presented an exciting historical and cultural Native American encampment program with drumming and dancing demonstrations on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The December calendar is packed with holiday programs including: the Family Christmas Show, a Hanukkah Celebration, A Christmas Tea, Gingerbread House Decorating, and Sing-Along with Santa.

Lucy Gangone announced the hiring of Josie Dix to fill the program coordinator vacancy at the Leesburg Public Library. Josie formerly worked at Cooper Memorial Library before moving to Oregon, and has now returned to the area. The library's first *Family History Fair* will be held on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Kids can enjoy family tree-themed crafts and activities. A photo booth and birthday newspaper lookups are open to all ages at this free event. Genealogy and preservation sessions will include DIY photo scanning, organizing and editing digital photos, and exploring websites such as [www.deadfred.com](http://www.deadfred.com) and [www.historypin.com](http://www.historypin.com).

Commissioner Sullivan congratulated Lucy Gangone for being named **Outstanding City Employee of the Year** by Leesburg Partnership. Since 2010, she has overseen classes for youth and adults, entertainment events, a youth essay contest and the city's first Comic Con.

Ed announced the next meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2016 at the Ag Center.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further announcements or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. upon **Catherine Hanson's motion to adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen Gouker  
Recording Secretary