

**MILLARD J. OAKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES OF MEETING
5/16/23**

ATTENDEES:

BOARD MEMBERS: Rita Reagan-Underhill, Deb Newkirk, Cindy Robbins, Helen Carter, Thelma Danner, Jimmy Thompson, and Jerry Schetterer

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Cindy Robbins, Patrick McCurdy, and Donna Savage

LIBRARY STAFF: Judith Cutright, Library Director

REGIONAL LIBRARY STAFF: Matthew Kirby, Regional Director

AGENDA: Reading and approval of meeting minutes: Meeting called to order by Chairman Rita Reagan-Underhill. Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes made by Cindy Robbins with second by Deb Newkirk - all in favor.

Friends of the Library: Deb Newkirk reported that another FOL book sale is scheduled for June 22nd. FOL meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 4:30 PM, and it is hoped attendance at these meetings will increase. FOL has received a UCEMC CARES grant in the amount of \$500 for enhancement of the Library of Things.

Regional Library: Regional Director Matthew Kirby distributed a May Falling Water Regional Library brochure with information about grant opportunities for public libraries, trustee certification and the Trustee Workshop at the Art Circle Library in Crossville on September 28, and policy focus for May being to ascertain each library has a proactive gifts policy to ensure full control over its collection.

Library Director: The Director reported that \$1219.22 was deposited with the Trustee for FY 2022-2023 arising from late fees, copies, card replacement, faxing, etc. The Summer Reading Program will begin June 1st with Barry Mitchell being the entertainer and lunch provided by Casa Mexicana - Overton Plaza. Other entertainers scheduled are Ollie Otter, State Park

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Ranger, Bruce Amato, and the Science Guys with lunches provided by the school summer

lunch program. The Summer Reading Program will wrap up on July 27 with a party planned for that date. Identogo background check and fingerprinting is serving an average of 10 individuals a day from across the Upper Cumberland. TOP grant to update computers and peripherals discussed.

Board Discussion: The installation of a new fountain has been deemed not feasible. A statue with plantings will be considered instead, and some examples of book-themed statues were provided by Rita. The meeting room, entryway, and bathroom are scheduled to be painted with washable paint beginning June 26 by Teachout Painting at a cost of \$6500. Any mold found behind the meeting room wallpaper will be eliminated at this time also. Roof leaks have been repaired. A sample of Storybook Trail boxes built by Jerry Schetterer (Dragons Love Tacos theme) was available for inspection, and these boxes will be placed at Central Park with a grand opening date for this to be set later. Jimmy Thompson is at the end of his second term on the Library Board and will step down as per policy/procedures. Josh Danner was present at the meeting and expressed interest in serving on the Board. Motion to appoint Josh to the Library Board was made by Cindy Robbins and seconded by Deb Newkirk with all very much in favor. Request to loan the bust of Tom Davis in the library foyer to the new athletic stadium is on hold at this time.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Cindy Robbins and seconded by Rita Reagan- Underhill. The next Library Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 18, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Carter

Helen Carter, Secretary