

**NORTH BREVARD PUBLIC LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2025**

Members Present

Constantine Daniel, District 1 - Chair
Michelle Canha, District 2
Suzanne Noel-Copeland
Nancy Praver
Ashley Scott
Patsy Shearer
Loretta Wilson, District 2

Others Present

Griselda Clarke, Assistant Director of Libraries
Shelley Macon, Port St. John Library Dire
Phyllis Stover, Administrative Secretary

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mr. Daniel.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Noel-Copeland, to approve the minutes as written for the January 23, 2025 Board Meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Correspondence

None.

Library Services Director's Report

Ms. Griselda Clarke, Assistant Director of Libraries, gave the report in Ms. Bost's absence.

Library Con [February 23, 2025] was a huge hit with over 2,000 people attending. Surveys revealed how much everyone loved it and wanted more!

Ms. Bost and Ms. Laurie Blair, Finance Manager, have been meeting with all departments as they prepare the budget.

Libraries are busy preparing for the summer reading program: *Summer on the Space Coast*. The kick-off party is May 31, 2025.

We received a grant from the Eau Gallie Rotary for \$2,500 that will provide telescope kits for the end-of-the-summer winners.

We were again awarded the Innovation Grant of \$7,800 for the river house renovation project: *Making a House a Home*. This grant provides for numerous resources, programming, and art displays at the river house.

Foam parties were held during winter break at Titusville, Central, Martin Luther King, Suntree, Satellite Beach, and Palm Bay libraries. Kids look forward to the popular foam parties.

Read Your Way to K is an initiative to promote literacy by getting children to read 1,00 books before kindergarten. We are excited to be a part of this and each library is providing story times to correspond with this endeavor.

In 2024, we received a grant from the Florida Humanities Council of \$3,000 for our Young Storytellers Project and we just received it again for 2025! This year we will host two groups. One group will be our returning writers and the other will be new writers using last year's curriculum.

At the February Library Con, the Young Storytellers participated in a panel answering questions about writing. One of the young authors wanted to know if they would be signing autographs and talking to their fans!

Library of Things is doing well. We offer ukuleles, blood pressure cuffs, and memory kits for patrons to check out.

Our mobile library participated in two holiday parades in December. We placed second in our division in the Merritt Island parade on December 7 and in the Rockledge parade on December 14.

Two seasoned Directors are retiring. Mauri Bauman from West Melbourne is leaving on April 11 and Janice Murray, Director and Area Director from Merritt Island, is leaving in May. We have plans to replace and move some of these positions. Together they have contributed over fifty years of service to our libraries; we appreciate what they have done for the libraries and the communities.

The adult and juvenile restrooms at Cape Canaveral library have been completed. We hope to get the bathrooms and roof completed at DeGroodt, as well as the bathrooms at Titusville.

The cabbage palms have been removed from the Titusville parking lot which improves the landscaping and visibility.

We have met with engineers regarding a new [security] camera system. Drawings are sixty percent complete.

We are working to comply with a requirement for multifactor authentication. This will provide staff with a special fob to allow them to enter a password to log into various county programs. It also helps increase security levels.

We stay aware of what is happening in the world regarding the economy and libraries, and we are doing our best to keep things moving.

We have received some great publicity for the things happening at the River House. Programming is increasing and people are attending. A copy of some of the articles is in the packet.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Comments by North Brevard Library Board Members

Ms. Praver asked how withdrawal of federal funding affects Brevard. Part of our funding comes through grants, so we would see the effects there.

Ms. Praver asked about the tagging project from last summer and whether patrons are checking items out on their phones. The tagging project has been completed and we have received positive comments from the public.

Concerns were expressed about credit card sales and cameras recording transactions being invasive. Discussion ensued.

Board members discussed suggestions on various aspects of Library Con, such as location, accessibility, and advertising.

Personal Appearances

Mr. Daniel attended Library Con.

Comments by the Public

Mr. Ron Bartcher, from Mims/Scottsmoor Friends of the Library, came to address the Memorandum of Understanding.

Announcements

The next meeting of the North Brevard Public Library Advisory Board is scheduled for August 14, 2025 at the Port St. John Library.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Recorded by Phyllis Stover
Approved October 9, 2025