

# GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, May 21, 2018

4:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

*Central Branch Library*

*Hemphill Board Room*

### MEMBERS ATTENDING

(Voting)

### ABSENT

### STAFF

### LIAISON

1	Sandra Cramer, Chair	Mary Espinola	Brigitte Blanton	GSO CC Goldie Wells
2	April Parker	Julie Copeland	Dena Keesee	GCC Kay Cashion
3	Bill Finley	Pamela Turner		
4	Ivan Cutler	Tim Hanlin		
5	James Bennett			
6	Michael Pearson			
7	Monique Bynum			
8	Netta Cox			

### CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 4:00pm
- ❖ April 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes approved unanimously; motion by James Bennett, second by Bill Finley.

### CHAIR REPORT

Appreciation to members for making/reporting on Branch visits.

FYI: Fence will be installed around the McNairy Branch in the near future.

Nominations for new Board Chair at June 18, 2018 meeting followed by Board vote.

Introduction of new Board member, Monique Bynum.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### *Friends of the Library*

- ❖ Friends Spring Book Sale (March 22-24) – \$5,800 less \$1,650 (expenses) = net of \$4,150.
- ❖ Friends sponsored events: April 14<sup>th</sup> – Earth Day at Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch with attendance of 2,500; April 28<sup>th</sup> - Dia de los Niño's Dia de los Libros at the Central Branch with attendance of 3,500;  
May 24<sup>th</sup> - Friends Annual Luncheon at Revolution Mill Events Center with author, D. G. Martin; moderated by former WFMY News anchor, Sandra Hughes.

#### *Greensboro History Museum*

- ❖ Report Attached

#### *Advocacy*

- ❖ Legislative Day is being planned for fall 2018. Details forthcoming.

### DIRECTOR REPORT

- ❖ Presented FY2018-19 budget. No budget reductions. Branch Manager Position Request Service Enhancement for Glenwood Branch and Benjamin Branch submitted by did not make the proposed budget.

- ❖ Glenwood Branch and Vance Chavis Branch received new tables/chairs giving both locations a lighter feel, more appealing/welcoming to customers. Glenwood Branch slated for new carpet. Central Branch to receive upgrades at later date.
- ❖ New “Teen’s Guide to Summer” booklet published/distributed; collaboration between Library and Parks & Recreation events
- ❖ New “Summer Reading 2018” (ages 0-12) brochure published/distributed; theme – “Libraries Rock.”
- ❖ 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “Grease” - Celebration in the Park on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.
- ❖ Customers utilizing 3-D printers at Hemphill Branch and McNairy Branch.  
Hemphill Branch comes to the rescue with 3-D printer - follow these links to see stories:  
([https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1722219714524066&id=122915074454546](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1722219714524066&id=122915074454546))  
[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1689859154426789&id=122915074454546](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1689859154426789&id=122915074454546)
- ❖ Diversity Training underway.
- ❖ P2P (Paired 2 Produce): Selected staff paired with a Leadership Council member for the purpose of individually and collectively having meaningful, spirited and creative conversations that will benefit the Library/Museum Department and move us forward in our following areas of focus:
  - Fostering Lifelong Learning
  - Inspiring the Joys of Reading
  - Providing Free and Equal Access to Information
    - Collecting
    - Connecting with the Community

Board may be asked to participate in a facilitated meeting to find out what these values mean to them.
- ❖ Library/Museum working in partnership with several local organizations (Greensboro Housing Authority, United Way, etc.) to address pressing issues.
- ❖ Discussion took place regarding libraries in schools and joint-use facilities.
- ❖ Mention made regarding Museum events attended – Dolley Madison’s Birthday Party, Type-WRITE interactive and display.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ Discussion took place regarding Greensboro Bound Literary Festival (May 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>).
- ❖ Director asked Board to send their comments to her when attending Library/Museum events.

Motion to adjourn by Netta Cox, second by Ivan Cutler.

Meeting adjourned: 5:25PM

# May 2018

## Monthly Highlights

### BENJAMIN BRANCH

- On an overcast and slightly drizzly day, 34 parents and children showed up for a **duck and frog story time at the Bog Garden**, which is one of our field trip ideas. After stories, we took a walk with **Jennifer Phelps**, environmental educator with **Parks & Rec**, to look for frogs. Many ducks, ducklings, a few turtles and a heron were spotted, but no frogs. We listened to a few recorded frog calls and learned how to replicate them with everyday things and then took magnifying glasses and explored our immediate area.

### CENTRAL BRANCH - CHILDREN'S ROOM

- **Raise-A-Reader** took place in May after being rescheduled due to the tornado, and Central delighted over 200 preschoolers with performers and make-and-take crafts.
- May was also tour-heavy with four different groups for a total of 161 children visiting the Branch for story time and a behind-the-scenes look at Library workings.
- We had 25 story times with 727 in attendance, and celebrated **Greensboro's birthday** with a party on May 26<sup>th</sup> with 40 residents attending a program presented by **Carolyn Malone of the Greensboro Historical Museum**.

### CENTRAL BRANCH - INFORMATION SERVICES

- Central hosted a successful **Spring Job Fair** on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Jobseeker attendance was 130; several dozen employers and partners had tables at the event.
- There were four **GTCC small business classes** held at Central during May. Course topics included: Financing Your Small Business, How to Start a Business, How to Write a Business Plan, and Marketing Your Business. Total student attendance for the classes was 51.

### GLENN McNAIRY BRANCH

- On Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, McNairy hosted a **Royal Wedding story time and Teddy Bear Tea Party** in preparation for the Royal Wedding. Following a short story time, children decorated a sparkly crown for themselves and their stuffed animal using jewels and sequins. Cookies and lemonade were served; 54 people attended.
- For the **Southern Lit Book Club** at McNairy in May, 12 people discussed J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy*. The discussion brought awareness to the topic of poverty by using the book, and Vance's experiences as a springboard. It was a safe platform to debate a topic that is complicated, multifaceted, and misunderstood and allowed individuals to work through their thoughts. One member stated that he appreciated this group as it allows people from different perspectives to come together to discuss in depth the titles, authors, and subjects in a way that he always gets more out of it than he would have if he had read it alone (and more than he gets from other book clubs to which he has belonged).
- McNairy hosted **Bullet Journaling for a More Intentional Life** at McNairy in May. Bullet Journaling was created by Ryder Carroll as a way of organizing his ADD. In this seminar, 10 participants watched **Carroll's Tedtalk**, learned about their organizational style, set future goals, and learned how to put this all together in a bullet journal. They were appreciative of the program with each person reaching out to staff during the following days to say how much they appreciated it and asking for more.

### ***GLENWOOD BRANCH***

- With immense community support and excitement for the program the Glenwood Branch Library hosted its first annual **Plant and Seed Swap** on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Glenwood Branch partnered with the community to create an avenue for customers interested in the joys of gardening to share new plants, seeds, and gardening knowledge with one another. Over six community organizations contributed to the plant swap; **The NC Herb Society, Black Diamond Backyard, Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs, Guilford College Farm, and Guilford County Cooperative Extension** all shared plants, seeds, and/or information about the event with their members. Many members of the community shared the event on Facebook through the Glenwood community page and via word of mouth. Customers came in bringing carloads of plants to share – indoor and outdoor foliage, vegetables, flowers, herbs, and ornamentals. Some even donated gardening tools and gloves to support new gardeners. The tools found new homes as a family of 6 came and excitedly picked out some tomato plants from the Guilford college farm and a variety of seeds to start their backyard garden. Over 60 customers took home plants and/or seeds from the swap. The **Glenwood Adult Programming Associate** shared information on the plants and their growing information from my own gardening knowledge – in both English and Spanish.

### ***HEMPHILL BRANCH***

- **3-D Printer:** On May 14<sup>th</sup> at Hemphill we had a frantic dad come in. His son had a school science fair project that evening and he needed a model of a brain. Many hours later, he was able to pick up his 3D printed brain from the Library and made it successfully to the science fair! He later sent us photos of the display and commented on how everyone loved the 3D printed brain.
- Ronald Headen was selected as our region's **NCLA Paraprofessional Director**. He will do occasional programming and attend 3 to 4 meetings per year.
- Hemphill held the 2<sup>nd</sup> **Tech Open House** on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 3pm to 5pm. We offered 3D Printed crafts for teens and children consisting of easy to make airplanes and GPL Rocks 3D printed guitar pick necklaces. We had the second round of "Beat the Librarian" in Xbox360 Sonic Racing. The Fusion3 3D printer was on display printing with informative handouts and we also had a laptop table for surveys and online resource instruction. Approximately 30 attended the open house.

### ***KATHLEEN CLAY EDWARDS BRANCH***

- The Kathleen Clay Edwards Branch met with representatives from the **Piedmont Bird Club and the Audubon Society** to plan a middle-school year-round birding program to begin in September. The program will feature citizen science opportunities, visits by scientists, hands-on activities, and birding in Price Park. These two organizations have been providing public programs for the Branch since its opening.

### ***McGIRT-HORTON BRANCH***

- "**What the Moon Means**" story time was centered on learning about the holiday and traditions of Ramadan; it was attended by 41 children, and was our biggest story time at McGirt since January! Also, staff has worked hard to have the recording booth easily accessible for all people- all ages and abilities. It was used by at least 36 patrons of all ages over the course of the month.

### ***VANCE CHAVIS BRANCH***

- On May 30<sup>th</sup>, the children's librarian visited **Hampton Elementary** kindergarteners at **Reedy Fork Elementary** to provide a special story time and Summer Reading Demo for approximately 60 Kindergarten students. The students got supplies to create their own bookmarks. They were also gifted with plush stars and pencils (leftover from previous summers) as a special treat given all the trauma Hampton Elementary experienced following the tornado.