

GREENSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Monday, August 19, 2019
4:00pm**

MINUTES

*Central Library
2nd Floor, Hemphill Board Room*

MEMBERS ATTENDING
(Voting)

ABSENT
(Voting)

STAFF
(Non-voting)

LIAISON
(Non-voting)

1	BENNETT, JAMES	PEARSON, MICHAEL	BLANTON, BRIGITTE	WELLS, GOLDIE - GSO CC
2	BYNUM, MONICA	GALLIMORE, LAURA	KEESE, DENA	CASHION, KAY - -GCC (Absent)
3	CUTLER, IVAN S.			
4	DONNELL, FELITA			
5	ESPINOLA, MARY			
6	HALL, SUSANNE			
7	HANLIN, TIM			
8	PARKER, APRIL			
9	WALKER, DIANA			

(9) Present

(2) Absent

CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Meeting called to order at 4:01pm.
- Approval of Minutes:
 - June 17, 2019: Motion to approve by Ivan S. Cutler; second by Monique Bynum

CHAIR REPORT

- Introduction of new Board Member, Diana Walker.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Director introduced Beth Sheffield, Adult Programming and Book Clubs, to present update of One City, One Book.
 - Kick-off: Saturday, August 24, 6:30-8:30pm at the History Museum with a visit from Osha Gray Davison, author of Best of Enemies.
 - Over 1,000 postcards (“We’re All Reading Your Book! Please Come to Greensboro, NC”) have been sent to Trevor Noah.
 - Letter from Governor Roy Cooper to Trevor Noah asking him to accept the Library’s invitation to come to Greensboro for the OCOB Kick-off.
 - OCOB events were provided to the Board.
 - GTCC English 111 has made “Born A Crime” their college read.
- Director gave an update on Social Work in Libraries – It is anticipated that two students from UNC-G or A&T will begin internship at the Central Branch two days/week, two hours/day at starting sometime in September.
- Monday, September 9, has been set aside for the Library/Museum Staff Engagement Day. The Library will be closed until 2:00pm while staff members engage in a variety of development classes.
- Progress is being made with Guilford County Schools to provide access to the Library via student ID’s. A kick-off event is being planned by Greensboro and High Point Libraries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **GHM** (see attached report)

NEW BUSINESS

- Chair informed Board that every other month, meetings will be held in different locations, beginning with the September meeting. Locations will be advised.
- Director asked Board to promote GTN podcasts.

There being no other business, motion to adjourn by Susanne Hall, second by Felita Donnell.

Meeting adjourned 5:00pm.



August 2019 Update:

Exciting Highlights:

- **2nd Annual Dolley & Me Tea** was held on June 29th at the O.Henry Hotel and was a great success! \$12,775 was raised to further our mission and we welcome 124 guests to the event including many seats donated to The Children's Home Society and the Girl Scouts. We also welcome Kate Pope of *The Giving Crusade* as a fantastic speaker for the event. Thanks to our sponsors Stacey Ofsanko of Tyler Redhead & McAlister, Piedmont Natural Gas, Kaley orthodontics, Quaintance-Weaver, Allegacy Credit Union and the many other community sponsors that supported the Museum and this event!
- A Press release went out prior to our July 4th celebration about the upcoming Democracy exhibit. We had plenty of press on July 4th at the museum and we welcomed many visitors to come in and get a small preview of some of the elements of the upcoming exhibit.

Reminders

- **American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith** – a traveling Smithsonian Exhibit inspired by a new permanent exhibit in the National Museum of American History is coming to the Museum starting in December 2019! – All ranges of sponsorships available
- Elliot Engel will speak at the annual fall Belle Meade dinner on September 23rd at the Proximity Hotel – event sponsorships available
- Sunae Park Evans, Senior Costume Conservator for the National Museum of American History, will speak at the Annual Dinner on October 17th – tables and event sponsorships available

Submitted By:

Susanne Hall
Co-President, 2019
Greensboro History Museum, Inc.
8.12.19

One City, One Book

Schedule of Events

DATE: Saturday, August 24
TIME: 6:30pm
LOCATION: Greensboro History Museum, 130 Summit Avenue
EVENT: **OCOB Kick-off Visit with Osha Gray Davidson –author of *Best of Enemies*.**
This book is about the relationship between the Civil Rights activist Ann Atwater, her nemesis C.P. Ellis, Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan.

DATE: Saturday, August 31
TIME: 2:30-4:45pm
LOCATION: Hemphill Branch Library, 2301 W. Vandalia Road
EVENT: *Best of Enemies* Movie Screening
The movie stars Taraji P. Henson. The book and movie take place around events in 1971 in Durham, North Carolina over the issue of school integration.

DATE: Tuesday, September 17
TIME: 8:00 - 9:30pm
LOCATION: The Idiot Box Comedy Club (503 N. Greene St.)
EVENT: **Coping Through Comedy: Laughter IS the Best Medicine**
Comedy can alleviate stress and provide a way to cope with life's negativity. Join us for an evening of stand-up comedy sets followed by a panel discussion with local comedians, who will share ways comedy has helped them and their audiences through tough times. (Adult themes).

DATE: Thursday, September 26
TIME: 7:00-8:00pm
LOCATION: Central Library, 219 N. Church Street
EVENT: **Spirit! Dance of Africa**
The Suah African Dance Theatre is a professional touring African drum and dance company based in Greensboro, NC. Will give a lively dance performance and explain some of the African roots of dance in the US.

DATE: Wednesday, October 9
TIME: 7:00-8:30pm
LOCATION: Glenn McNairy Branch Library, 4860 Lake Jeanette Road
EVENT: **A Journey to South Africa**
UNCG faculty and students in African American and African Diaspora Studies will guide us as we explore the country and its culture through games, conversation, and virtual reality.

DATE: Thursday, October 10
TIME: 7:00-8:30pm
LOCATION: Central Library, 219 N. Church Street
EVENT: **Uplifting Voices – The Music of South Africa**
This presentation offers an overview of the work of some of the most influential musicians and singer/songwriters in South Africa from the apartheid era to the present. It reflects the vibrant diversity of South African music, and how popular music is a fusion of indigenous traditional music, as well as Western music styles and genres. The program will be presented by Kumbirai Khosa, Ed.D. English Adjunct Instructor, GTCC.

DATE: Tuesday, October 22

TIME: 7:00-8:30pm

LOCATION: Benjamin Branch Library, 1530 Benjamin Parkway

EVENT: Reflections of Self: Education and Identity - One City, One Book Panel Discussion

What are the characteristics that **define** you? In what ways do you think about yourself? How are you viewed by the world? Join expert panelists for our One City, One Book community discussion on education and identity. We'll conduct an open dialogue about Issues of identity and review related passages from Trevor Noah's *Born a Crime* and other books. All are welcome to participate.

DATE: Saturday November 2

TIME: 11:00am – 2:00pm

LOCATION: Central Library, 219 N. Church Street

EVENT: History Before Us: Healing and Reconciliation

GPL will host a screening of the award winning documentary *The American South as We Know It* by Charlotte filmmaker Frederick Murphy. The film explores the lives of African-Americans during the Jim Crow Era.

Bring your lunch and after the film, we will share a meal (**drinks and dessert provided**). Mr. Murphy will lead a facilitated discussion on how we can move forward from this Era.

DATE: Thursday, November 14

TIME: 12:00noon – 1:30pm

LOCATION: McGirt Horton Branch Library, 2501 Phillips Avenue

EVENT: Share your Soul Food

Join us in welcoming TV Chef Carla Hall, former co-host of ABC's Emmy Award-winning *The Chew* and featured on *Bravo's Top Chef* - Food brings us together. What does the term "soul food" mean to you? **Bring your lunch** and your **favorite family recipes**. Share the stories behind the dishes at this special recipe swap and book discussion of the book, *Carla Hall's Soul Food*.



GREENSBORO
HISTORY
MUSEUM

Schedule of Events

DATE: September 15 (*Free Event*)
TIME: 2:30pm – 5:00pm
LOCATION: Greensboro History Museum, 130 Summit Avenue
EVENT: George Preddy: Carolina Ace

Exclusive pre-screening of *Carolina Ace*, a brand-new animated documentary about the decorated World War II fighter pilot and Greensboro native George Preddy. Discussion follows with filmmaker Shawn Lovette and Preddy, biographers Joe Noah and Sam Sox.

DATE: September 23
TIME: 6:00pm – 8:30pm
LOCATION: The Proximity Hotel, 704 Green Valley Road
EVENT: Belle Meade Society Fall Dinner Event with Elliot Engel

Join us for an elegant and informative evening at the Proximity Hotel with special guest speaker Professor Elliot Engel presenting “Pierre Charles L’Enfant: The Tumultuous Life of the Man Who Invented Washington D.C.” Wonderful food and fellowship will accompany this fascinating talk, along with a silent auction to support the museum. Museum members and guests welcome. Tickets are \$50 for members (\$55 for guests) and include dinner and a glass of wine. Sponsorship opportunities are still available.

DATE: October 17
TIME: 6:30pm – 8:30pm
LOCATION: O’Henry Hotel, 624 Green Valley Road
EVENT: GHM Inc. Annual Dinner with Special Guest Smithsonian Costume Curator Sunae Park Evans

The event is supported by the prestigious O.Henry Hotel and held in their beautiful Caldwell Room. This year’s very special guest speaker is Sunae Park Evans, Senior Costume Conservator at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History. Tables and event sponsorships available.

DATE: December 7, 2019 – March 27, 2020
LOCATION: Greensboro History Museum, 130 Summit Avenue
EVENT: American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith

What happens when a people decide to govern themselves? America’s national treasures come to life in this compelling exhibition that examines the bold experiment to create a government “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” The Smithsonian traveling exhibition *American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith* explores the history of citizen participation, debate, and compromise from the nation’s formation to today. The exhibition focuses on the changing political ideals and principles of the nation, citizenship in a pluralistic society, and political participation and engagement. *American Democracy: A Great Leap of Faith* is the centerpiece of **Project Democracy 20/20**, a yearlong initiative exploring American democracy through exhibitions, public programs and innovative community connections.

August 2019

Monthly Highlights

BENJAMIN BRANCH

- The Benjamin Branch had a special guest during the week of August 12 for four storytimes- a licensed therapy dog named **Bella**. During "**Wags and Woofs Storytime**" Bella sat beautifully and listened to the stories, and then her person shared how Bella helps people at hospitals, nursing homes, businesses and in schools. Everyone got a chance to meet Bella and practice good dog etiquette. Total attendance: 81
- A Benjamin Branch Library Associate was granted a scholarship to attend the 2019 **North Carolina Library Association Conference held in Winston-Salem, NC** in October. The Library Associate is in the first semester of studying for the Master of Library Science program at NC Central University. Implementing work and job knowledge the Library Associate will receive at the conference, will be a gain for the Benjamin Branch community.

CENTRAL BRANCH - CIRCULATION AND CHILDREN'S ROOM

- The **Universoul Circus** gave a teaser performance in the rotunda at the Central Library. Caribbean Fusion Dancers, Fresh the Clowns, Bone Breakers, and Men of Steel performed for more than 60 people. A few children were selected to dance with the clowns; everyone had a great time.
- Central Library's biggest and most successful event in August was the **Hogwarts GSO End of Summer Reading party**. The event was to celebrate the end of a great Summer Reading Program; 188 customers enjoyed crafts, a movie, a demo by **UNCG's Quidditch Team**, and a performance by the band, **Harry and the Potters**. A few customers dressed up as their favorite character or Hogwarts house.

CENTRAL BRANCH - INFORMATION SERVICES

- **Downloadable circulations** continued to be strong with 49,277 for August. Usage of downloadables has been buoyed by increased use of the NCDL (North Carolina Digital Library), as well as the recent addition of the video streaming service **Kanopy**, and was overall up +17.9% versus August, 2018, while books and non-print physical formats (e.g. DVDs) were down -2.5% and -8.6% respectively versus the same month last year. But the strength of downloadables usage means system-wide circulation is actually rising (+2.1% versus August, 2018).
- We rarely mention our long-standing interlibrary loan efforts, but this is an important service for our customers, allowing them to borrow books which are owned by institutions outside our system. In August we **borrowed 52 books** for GPL customers and **loaned 90** to other institutions.
- Shout out to a Library Associate at the Central Branch who regularly helps out on the second floor desk and floor in Information Services. On August 26, the Library Associate filled in for the regular instructor for our Excel class, teaching (8) students. That's really going BEYOND!

GLENN McNAIRY BRANCH

- On Tuesday, August 6, the Glenn McNairy Branch Manager visited **The Grande**, a local residential community, to participate in their **National Night Out celebration**. Glenn McNairy's Branch Manager brought event calendars and spoke with local residents and members of the community, including fire, police, and other city employees, about the Library, programs and services. Residents asked questions and discussed types of programs and services they would be interested in having in the future.
- Glenn McNairy became the third library branch to serve as a **glass-recycling location** this month, and the response from the surrounding community has been enthusiastic. The bins are frequently full, and residents have expressed their delight in having a glass-recycling site in their neighborhood.
- The Glenn McNairy Youth Services Librarian partnered with Youth Services Librarians from Hemphill, Glenwood, and Kathleen Clay to create a space-themed version of **Life-Sized Candyland**, which was hosted at multiple locations. Several Glenn McNairy staff members facilitated gaming sessions over the course of three days, hosting over 400 participants, who gushed over the giant-sized candy props and eagerly took turns trying to get to the end of the foam-squared game path.

GLENWOOD BRANCH

- The Glenwood Branch held a **Mad Hatter Tea Party** for teens and tweens on August 25 at 3:00pm. The 16 Teens and Tweens loved the different kinds of tea. Using china made it special for them. The room was decorated in an Alice in Wonderland theme. Participants also had the opportunity to make a key craft in the white rabbit style.
- Adults do not always get to create space for their own creative pursuits, let alone try out trending art which can require upwards of a hundred dollars of supplies. Through some savvy and research, the Glenwood Branch was able to try out the art of fluid acrylic painting with a group of 19 adults on August 3 at 2:30pm. Program attendees had the chance to mix and pour paint, creating supernovas and black holes across their canvas. Participants were asked to show off their favorite spots on finished "galaxy" paintings; each showed a part of their creation they were proud of, beaming with pride at their work. One program participant, leaving with a gloriously colorful canvas and grinning ear-to-ear, told us she was so excited to see someone offering this craft because she had been wanting to try it after seeing it all over Instagram and YouTube. She had driven quite a way to come to Greensboro to join us for the craft. Several participants left the program with flyers for adult summer reading, upcoming programs, and all with paintings to show off.

HEMPHILL BRANCH

- Hemphill Library hosted **One City, One Book Kickoff Part 2** with a screening of the film *Best of Enemies*. It was also part of the monthly series, **Books and Plays into Film** with 31 in attendance. A Hemphill Library Associate promoted upcoming OCOB events, the Friends, and the Foundation. A few attendees stayed afterwards to discuss the book and film.
- On August 6, children enjoyed creating their own outer space creatures with our **Name Aliens project**. Each participant wrote their name on construction paper, cut it out and used the resulting shape to create a visitor from another planet. Googly eyes, washi tape, ribbon and more added to the fun. Total attendance: 38

HISTORY MUSEUM

- As the Museum's exhibition *Lest We Forget: WWI Through the Eyes of Nine* closed, the Museum and **University Archives at F. D. Bluford Library** partnered to highlight the legacy of Lt. Robert L. Campbell and recognize the contributions of his Aggie colleagues during World War I. "Lt. Robert L. Campbell: War Hero of A&T," with a free public program at the Museum on Saturday, August 17 at 2:30pm. Over 75 people were in attendance for this 2 ½ hour program.
- Community Historian Glen Perkins attended planning meetings as Greensboro History Museum is collaborating as a community partner in **Partnerships for Listening and Action by Communities and Educators (PLACE)**, a Mellon Foundation-funded grant project directed by the Bringing Theory to Practice initiative of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). PLACE brings together a network of academic-community partnerships, involving eleven colleges and universities from diverse sectors and regions, to do civic engagement and public humanities work. Participating academic institutions include Rutgers University, Newark; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; five institutions in North Carolina (Guilford, Elon University, Greensboro College, N.C. A&T, and UNCG) and four institutions in the Los Angeles region (College of the Canyons, Pitzer College, the University of LaVerne, and the University of Southern California). Our goal is for this collaboration to support programming and dialogue around issues of democracy and civic engagement within Greensboro region communities. The first gathering of the national partners for this project will take place in Greensboro in early October.

KATHLEEN CLAY EDWARDS BRANCH

- The Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch partnered with Field Operations to offer the program, **Intermediate Guide to Zero Waste Living** on August 10. The program, attended by 55 adults, provided participants with manageable steps and sustainable alternatives to help them progress towards zero waste living. The Branch will offer zero waste programs this fall on bulk buying, food waste, and waste free holidays.

McGIRT-HORTON BRANCH

- There was a planned power outage Monday, August 12 which was very narrowly affecting service in the area. The library received notice a few days in advance and through a great collaboration with the facilities department, thanks to Facilities, McGirt-Horton had a generator onsite in order to power public computers and lights inside the building. This enabled the Library to provide computer services and a comfortable, welcoming space to the community with no disruption to Library services.
- On August 23, the McGirt-Horton Branch hosted an alternative open house for **Hairston Middle School** families unable to attend open house at the school. The Library and School partnered together to provide space and also inform families of the Library resources pertinent to this demographic. The Principal and School Media Specialist expressed appreciation for use of the Library space in addition to providing prizes and books for attendees. The School Media Specialist was impressed with the number of youth in the building at the time (**Game, Geek and Grow** a video gaming program for teens was underway) because he has a hard time getting kids to come into the school library. Total attendance: 25.

VANCE CHAVIS BRANCH

- This year's **Sixth Annual - Positive Youth Rap Contest** was held on August 10. There were 48 guests present to hear the contestants in the elementary, middle, and high school categories. **Empowerment Speaking Quest**—cohost of the annual contest—provided a DJ, who amplified the performers' music and kept the atmosphere energized between segments. There was also a special performance by local rap artist **Free Derrick Hardy**.
- Local artist **Jacqueline Johnson** shared her talents with 12 participants who enjoyed beverages and painting at **Sip N' Paint: White Space**, August 17. Each participant selected a uniquely drawn sketch to paint and was offered paints from a selection of dozens of bottles. Jacqueline helped the painters mix colors and was at their side to offer suggestions to ensure everyone left with a painting they would be proud to display. As they enjoyed their ginger ale (champagne), cheer wine (sparkling wine), and grape juice (merlot), several participants commented on the relaxing environment, particularly when the Smartboard was used to pipe in "music to paint to."