



**Kingsport Public Library Commission – Meeting Minutes
Kingsport Public Library Auditorium
Monday, September 13, 2021**

Members Present:

Mickey Shull
Kate Harden
Dorothy Dobbins

Others Present:

Chris Markley, Library Manager
Roni Shaffer, Library Secretary
Amy Kimani, Holston River Regional Director
Gail Campbell, Holston River Regional Board Member

Meeting was called to order by Chris Markley, at 4:05pm.

Actions Taken:

None (quorum not met.)

Regional Director's Report: As emailed (on file.) The Trustee training that was scheduled to take place on September 28th in Jefferson City has been moved to become an all-virtual event. Attendees are encouraged to participate in the live virtual sessions, but recordings will also be available via Niche Academy if anyone is unable to participate at the scheduled time.

The Level V Summit will potentially be postponed until a later date due to COVID, in order for this important event to be in-person.

Amy Kimani has accepted a job in Pennsylvania and will be leaving us, and we wish her all the best!

Manager's Report: As emailed (on file.) Chris Markley shared information about what the library is up to lately:

- September is Library Card Sign-up month! This month anyone who signs up for a new library card will receive a bag with library swag.
- Due to COVID, our Author Talk for September will remain a virtual program.
- The library will be bringing back our computer classes, and trying them out as a lunchtime series. Friday Lunchtime Live was very successful, perhaps those who work during the day will be interested in doing these classes at lunch.



- Our new 4th floor meeting space (behind the nonfiction stacks) is already seeing use from patrons as a study area.

Old Business:

None

New Business: The FY20-21 Annual Report, as emailed (on file.)

Despite the impact COVID has had on our library, circulation numbers were actually better last year than in FY18-19!

- READS checkouts have gone up by 30,000
- We had 3,000 curbside pickups last fiscal year
- 1,700 new cardholders
- Programming numbers obviously were down from prior years, but we held 282 virtual programs, and as things opened up towards the end of the FY, we held 19 programs in Glen Bruce Park.
- The library received \$14,000 in grants: LSTA, CARES, Libraries Lead, and the American Dream Literacy Initiative.

Meeting adjourned by Chris Markley at 4:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roni Shaffer, Secretary
September 13, 2021

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