

VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 26, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Christine DelGuzzi called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present : Zakariya Sherman, Library Director
 Christine DelGuzzi, Chairperson
 Phyllis Wissner, Vice Chairperson
 Bonnie Jenkins, Secretary
 Carolyn Kost, Member
 Tina Chippas, Member
 Darryl Aubrey, Council Member
 Frank Don, Resident
 Brad Avakian absent
 Leslie Arsenault Metz absent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for the November 24, 2020 meeting were approved with corrections after a motion made by Carolyn Kost and seconded by Phyllis Wissner.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Director Zak Sherman reported the following:

- **Library Matters:**
 - The Library hours are
 - Current hours are Monday thru Thursday 9:00am – 7:00pm
 - Saturday 9am – 5pm.
 - Closed Sunday
 - North Palm Beach won the Small Municipality category of *Read for the Record*, video creativity and Zoom calls were cited. Video has been placed on the Literacy Coalition of Palm Beach County YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/SISnI6x3cPQ>
 - AARP will be offering tax help in the Obert Room (rather than Council Chambers) by appointment only. Hours are Wednesday and Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. A dedicated telephone line was installed for this service.
 - Books & Bites –
 - Inaugural event on March 10th at the Country Club.
 - Features guest speaker, author Marie Bostwick who will be discussing her latest book, *The Restoration of Celia Fairchild*.
 - Tickets are \$26 and includes a box lunch prepared by Farmer's Table.
 - Attendance is limited to 50 persons.
- **Facilities:**
 - Building –
 - Due to fading and necessary repair work, Public Works solicited bids to repaint the building exterior.
 - Library staff recommends the same paint colors as the Tennis Building at the Country Club be used.
 - A presentation regarding this was made to the NPB Planning Committee.
 - The building was last painted in 2009.
 - Hotspots –

- Through a SEFLIN grant, the library received 5 mobile hotspots that are now available for patrons to check out.
 - The hotspots will belong to the Library with fees paid by SEFLIN for 1 year. After this, the Library will determine if the service should be continued.
 - Only cost to Library were cases for the devices.
- **Holiday Happenings:**
 - The December 2nd Tree Lighting was live streamed by Library staff.
 - Gingerbread House Party on December 12th was attended virtually by 6 patrons; a total of 18 kits were sold.
 - There were Trolley rides on December 18th and a surprise Santa was in the Obert Room.
 - Virtual holiday themed Good Night Story-times were held pm 4 Monday evenings in December; each child received a Good Night Kit including milk, cookies, toys, lullabies and a Good Night Story Time Book List.
- **Adult Services:**
 - Virtual Crafts for Grown Ups continues; third Thursday every Month 11am to noon
 - Virtual Book Club
 - This month's title is *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi.
 - January's discussion of *The Glass Hotel* by Emily St. John was attended by 10 patrons.
- **Children's Services**
 - (See Holiday Happenings)
- **Teen Services:**
 - Toiletry Drive –
 - In partnership with Homeless Coalition of Palm Beach County and TCS 8th graders, various items were collected January 4th through January 22nd. The drive was very successful.
 - Teen Takeaway kits continue to be available.
 - Teen Book Club: It's Lit –
 - New Zoom program, starting February 25th and every 4th Thursday thereafter.
 - For ages 13 – 17
 - This month's selection is *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
 - Book is to be pre-read; and by attending and participating in discussion, teens will be allotted 10 hours of community service.
 - Sign-up is online
- **Friends of the Library News:**
 - Annual Book Sale –
 - Due to Covid, the book sale will be run by Library Staff.
 - Members only Presale – Tuesday February 2, 2:00pm – 6:00pm
 - February 3 – 4, hours are 9:00am – 6:00pm
 - February 5 – 6, 9:00am – 4:30pm
 - All items will be \$0.25 on Saturday
 - Books will be spread throughout the Obert Room and Children's area; the set-up will allow for flexibility depending on attendance.
 - 50-50 Raffle Drawing
 - will be held January 30, 2021
 - Next meeting is February 15th at 5:30pm via Zoom
- **Statistics:**
 - E-Book and E-Audio Circulation numbers remain high.
 - Print circulation remains down due to the lack of school visits

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Carolyn Kost and seconded by Phyllis Wissner to support Mr. Sherman's request to repaint the building the same color as clubhouse/tennis.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carolyn Kost and seconded by Phyllis Wissner. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 23rd, at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Jenkins