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W.T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

Community Room, W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Baker Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
September 12, 2022 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. August 8, 2022 Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
 - A. Review of Mount Dora Archives
- VI. Library Director's Report
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Discussion Items
- IX. Future Meeting Dates
- X. Adjournment

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W. T. BLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly Street, Mount Dora, FL 32757
Monday, August 8, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cathy Gillespie (Chair), Helen Cutshaw, Janet Manchon, Yiris Rivera
Ellen August, William Lowery (Co-chair) *Via FaceTime*

ABSENT: Carolyn Fountain

CITY STAFF: Cathy Lunday-Library Director and LaJun Garry-Administrative
Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert Cooper

I. Call to Order

Ms. Gillespie called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2022

**MOTION by Ms. Manchon SECONDED by Ms. August to approve minutes from
July 11, 2022.**

AYE: Gillespie, Cutshaw, Manchon, Rivera, August, Lowery

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 6-0

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Presentations

None

VI. Library Director's Report

Ms. Lunday shared:

- The Library had an extraordinary summer. Instead of having our big shows at the City of Mount Dora Community Building, we held all of the shows at the Library. The goal of programming is to get people to come inside the library. As a result we attained the following stats:
 - 110 children enrolled in our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
 - 1,000+ children attended our story times.
 - 1,000+ children attended our learning labs and concerts.
 - 1,300 AWE early literacy station sessions.
 - 1,900+ children entered our drawings and contests.
 - 15,000+ children's books checked out.
- The Lego Experience was a huge success. Definitely worth repeating next summer.
- Supervisor of Elections will be using our facility as an Early Voting site. Early voting begins on Thursday, September 11th and ends on Saturday, September 20th.
- The Board of County Commissioners will vote on Manga collection on August 23, 2022.
- October is native plant month. Currently in the planning stages of several programs about native plants.

Books

The Library Director asked the board to review three books – *Beautiful Blackbird* by Ashley Brown, *The Owl and the Pussycat* by Edward Lear & Jan Brett and *Are Prisons Obsolete?* by Angela Y. Davis.

VII. Action Items

None

VIII. Discussion Items

Library Nonprofit Support

The Library enjoys generous support from three nonprofit organizations based in Mount Dora and each have fairly delineated roles: the GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club, the Friends of the Mount Dora Library and the Mount Dora Library Association.

The Library Director works closely with the boards and leadership of all three groups in order to determine projects and improvements that meet both the City and each organization's missions.

IX. Future Meeting Date

1. September 12, 2022

IX. Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Cutshaw, SECONDED by Ms. Manchon to adjourn the August 8, 2022 meeting.

AYE: Gillespie, Cutshaw, Manchon, Rivera, August, Lowery

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 6-0

Meeting adjourned.

Cathy Gillespie, Chair

Cathy Lunday, Director



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DATE: September 12, 2022

TO: Library Advisory Board Members

FROM: Cathy Lunday, Library Director

SUBJECT: Review of Mount Dora Archives

Introduction:

The online Mount Dora Archives digital repository was launched in December 2018 as a partnership between the Mount Dora Historical Society, the Mount Dora Library Association and the City of Mount Dora.

Discussion:

The Mount Dora Archives, found at <http://www.mountdoraarchives.com/>, is a growing collection of over 400 historical images, postcards, pamphlets, family histories and published books. It was the logical outcome of a close collaboration between staff at Mount Dora's public library and the Mount Dora Historical Society. This partnership was formally organized in 2018 and also included the Mount Dora Library Association.

The first collections included People of Mount Dora, Mount Dora's Historic Downtown and Mount Dora's Agricultural Past. A postcard collection was added, as was a sampling of land boom brochures extolling the benefits of moving to Mount Dora. The Mount Dora Library Association has contributed high resolution scanners and also funds the acquisition of new items.

Collections currently in development include:

- Personal papers of Mabel Norris Reese
- Watercolors by Emma Sears Marsh
- Dr. R. Eugene Burley's *Mount Dora: The Rest of the Story, Plus!*

Long-term collection plans include digitization of additional already-published books about Mount Dora, a Chautauqua collection and a progression of maps of downtown Mount Dora by

the decades. Library volunteers actively seek historical images and documents in the community and in tandem with the MDHS. Volunteers also help research, scan and write the metadata for each item, under the direction of the Library Director.

Budget Impact:

The annual subscription cost of the Biblioboard platform is \$1,000 and is included in the library's collection budget. All scanning, research and writing is conducted by library volunteers. Costs for acquisitions and equipment have to-date been covered by the Mount Dora Library Association.

Strategic Impact:

As Mount Dora continues to grow, it remains vitally important to formally capture its earliest history and draw a strong link of that legacy to modern day people, places and events.

Recommendation n/a

Attachment(s):

1. Mount Dora Archives flyer

Prepared by: Cathy Lunday, Library Director

Reviewed by: Cathy Lunday, Library Director

Final Approval - 9/7/2022



Mount Dora Archives

A community partnership dedicated to preserving our past.



Mount Dora's Historic Downtown

Mount Dora's picturesque downtown draws its charm from its earliest settlers, arriving in 1875, and continues to inspire visitors today.



Included in the Anthology:
Mount Dora Archives

COLLECTION



People of Mount Dora

People from all walks of life contributed to Mount Dora's rich cultural heritage.



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