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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
March 10, 2025 at 5:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - A. February 10, 2025 Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Presentations
 - A. Mount Dora Archives
- VI. Library Director's Report
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Discussion Items
 - A. Review of Collection 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, February 10, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cathy Gillespie (Chair), Laura Busch, Marcia Ford, Janet Manchon
and Beth Sharpe

ABSENT: William Lowery and Amber Perretti

CITY STAFF: Cathy Lunday-Library Director, Sarah Feller-Adult Services Librarian,
and Lynn Gonzales-Children's Librarian and LaJun Garry-
Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: None

I. Call to Order

Ms. Gillespie (Chair) called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes for January 13, 2025

**MOTION by Ms. Manchon SECONDED by Ms. Sharpe to approve minutes from
January 13, 2025.**

AYE: Gillespie, Busch, Ford, Manchon, Sharpe

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 5-0

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Presentations

None

VI. Library Director's Report

Ms. Lunday shared:

- City Council meets tonight at 5:30pm to go over the revised strategic plans for the city. The Library is mentioned as a goal to provide high quality programs to the community.
- City Manager approved off-budget addition of a part-time cataloguer.
- LCLS County Director George Taylor has reached the conclusion after years of discussion on the appropriation to shelve any thought about changing the metric, which is based on circulation. It was requested that he not revisit the topic unless there is additional funding.
- NewspaperArchive, the online searchable database of *The Mount Dora Topic*, was launched by Ms. Feller. Use your Mount Dora library card for free access!
- New city position was created – Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation. We currently have deputy directors for Fire Chief and Planning and Development. Hoping to add a Deputy Director of Library on October 1, 2025.
- Friends of the Library and Mount Dora Library Association are interested in donating more musical sculptures in honor of the Library's 120th year celebration.
- Upcoming lobby exhibits –
 1. The American Revolution Experience March 22– April 5, 2025. Sponsored by American Battlefield Trust and Daughters of the American Revolution, Ocklawaha Chapter.
 2. Welcome to Japan May 7 – May 31, 2025. Sponsored exhibit by Arching Oaks Art and Culture Center, Eustis FL, and Friends of the Library.

VII. Action

None

VIII. Discussion Items

A. Imagination Library

Founded in 1995 in Sevier County, Tennessee Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free books monthly to children from birth until they begin school in participating areas. This program was originally designed to inspire a love of reading and learning for all preschool children in the county. What was founded as a local program became such a success that in 2000 a national replication effort was underway, and by 2003 Dolly Parton's Imagination Library had mailed one million books. It would prove to be the first of many millions of books sent to children around the world.

An article was printed in the Triangle News Leader about the amount of money that has been raised by Waterman Village and Community Trust for books to be bought for children in Mount Dora. Children's Librarian Lynn Gonzales shared the library's mission and a few books that are read by children who participate in W.T. Bland 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program. Discussion ensued.

B. Review of Collection Items

Adult Services Librarian Ms. Feller shared the graphic novel *Edifice* by Andrzej Klimowski. Discussion ensued.

IX. **Future Meeting Date**

1. March 10, 2025 @ 5:00pm

X. **Adjournment**

MOTION by Ms. Manchon, SECONDED by Ms. Busch to adjourn the February 10, 2025 meeting.

AYE: Gillespie, Busch, Ford, Manchon, Sharpe

NAY: None

MOTIONED CARRIED 5-0

Meeting adjourned.

Cathy Gillespie, Chair

Cathy Lunday, Director