

# MINUTES

*Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board*

**June 25, 2009**

**CENTRAL RIDGE LIBRARY**

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The regular meeting of the Citrus County Special Library District Advisory Board was held on June 26, 2009, 4:00 PM at Central Ridge Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills, FL 34465

**Board members present:** Co-Chair, Edith Ramlow, Adelaide Keller, Elaine Ranous  
E. E. Renfro, Sheree Monroe, Harley Nelson, Marianne Quack

**Board members excused absences:** Sylvia Wilson, Richard Byrnes

**Staff Liaison:** Flossie Benton Rogers, Director

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## CALL TO ORDER

- ◆ Meeting called to order by the Co-Chair, Edith Ramlow, at 4:00 PM.

## DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- ◆ Quorum present.

## READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ◆ Minutes of May 28, 2009 approved.

## REPORT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- ◆ **Fundraising Committee - N/A**  
**Planning Committee – N/A**
- ◆ **Library Information Outreach – Edith Ramlow, Chair**  
Communication is under way on the best method to process the Library Stories.

## REGULAR BUSINESS

- ◆ New Director of Community Services Department is Cathy Pearson. She has been the Division of Community Support Services, now named Community and Recreational Programs. Cathy Pearson will serve as both Department Director and Division Director.
- ◆ Literacy Update - Quarterly tutor meeting was held on June 18<sup>th</sup>, with 30 in attendance. Two tutoring areas being considered are working with released inmates and setting up a Conversational Café. The goal of the Conversational Café is to help learners for whom English is a second language, to allow them to practice English by conversation.

As mentioned before, the Black Diamond \$4000 donation and \$5000 from the Homosassa Friends provided materials for the Adult Literacy Program. If any organization would like to donate or fund the Program they may contact the Library Administrative Offices.

- ◆ American Library Association handout – “US Public Libraries and E-Government Services”  
US public libraries are on the front lines of connecting people with essential government resources. Libraries are now meeting the growing demand to assist the public in completing government forms, locating economic assistance programs, and employment services.

Statistics in this handout are based nationwide on what libraries are doing and related public feedback.

- ◆ On-Line Books – Some publishers are putting books, including textbooks, online, giving the public the ability to download books. Kindle holds about 1500 books, and Amazon provides over 3000 books for purchase on the Kindle. Best sellers can be purchased for Kindle at about \$10. Some libraries are lending Kindles.
- ◆ OCLC Handout – “Awareness to Funding: A study of Library Support in America” - - The research in this handout is about how most US residents are not aware how funding affects libraries. US residents are aware of basic informational library services, such as books, newspapers, magazines and Internet access. Far fewer are aware of the many value-added services that libraries provide, such as teen programs, computer training and ‘English as a second language’ (ESL) classes.
- ◆ The Board reviewed a Chronicle article that profiled the success of a former library teen volunteer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- ◆ Homosassa Book Sale held on May 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> was slow, with \$1522 books sold (\$900 on Thursday and \$622 on Friday). No children came to the book sale. Perhaps the choice of dates or other events in the community may be contributing factors.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

### **NEXT MEETING**

- ◆ The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be on Thursday, July 23, 2009 4:00 PM at Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, FL 34428.

*Respectfully submitted:*

Theresa Arriaga, Recording Secretary