

Library Board Minutes of the Meeting held
July 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

APALACHICOLA MARGARET KEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Advisory Board

~ Mission Statement ~

"The Apalachicola Margaret Key Library contributes to a healthy, vibrant community by helping citizens create and live their best life."

Meeting Location:

Apalachicola Margaret Key Public Library

Meeting was called to order by Sondra Taylor-Furbee, Chairperson, at 4:58 pm

Members Present:

Dolores Croom

Jerry Hurley

Audie Pieper

Sondra Taylor-Furbee

Ralph Wagoner

Ex-Officio Members and Others Present:

Lucy Carter, Library Director

Liz Perkins, PALS Representative

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented

Director's Report Highlights:

The library will have a back-to-school booth for ABC School orientation, August 8
Summer Reading program is almost over. This year's program included DIY crafts and activities. In 2022 there were 1,554 participants, in 2023 there were 1,906.

Sign Language is being taught on Wednesdays by Joy Floyd.

Book Launch and signing with Rose Griffin will be held on August 24 from 5-7 pm.

PALS participated in Franklin Co. EMS CPR/AED training at Holy Family

Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, 8/16.

Liz Perkins is researching how to sell valuable old books and other non-City purchased items online for PALS/Library fundraising

Hotspots are now available for checkout.

The library is coordinating with E-CCC to have magazines/paperbacks delivered with meals.

PALS Report Highlights:

June 2023

In addition to electing new officers, PALS reviewed and revised its bylaws to bring them into alignment with current practice.

Bonnie Lewis was elected to the PALS board

PALS volunteers helped with summer youth programming- planned & taught pop-up crafts, hosted STEAM @Project Impact, helped with Summer Movie Matinees, led Chess Monday.

July 2023

Hosted Summer Music Series, Lili Forbes, July 7.

Hosted Summer Music Series, Tommy Cooper, July 14.

Forthcoming:

Summer Music Series, Cat Braaten, July 21.

Summer Music Series, The VonWamps, July 28.

August 2023

Will produce and distribute Summer KEYNOTES Newsletter for the library

Will host Classic Movie Night, back to school edition

September 2023

Will host 'Stock Up for Fall' Book sale

Old Business

The 2023-2028 Long Range Plan was unanimously approved by the board.

New Business

The board discussed a need for storage. Sondra will ask the County Manager if there is space available in the Chapman Building.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 5:55.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2023, 5:00pm.