

Library Board Minutes of the Meeting held
September 12, 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 5:00 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:

August

Summer Music Servies saw 472 visitors

Youth and Young Adult Book Clubs will begin August 30 and 31. BMABF will fund half the cost of books for the 2 groups. Library's donations funds will cover the other half

Library carpets were cleaned

Dirt was delivered, filling in a large hole by the sidewall and paid for with library donations

September

Displayed storm and hurricane resources in library for patrons

Began Homework Help initiative with library volunteers

Lego Club and Pokémon Clubs continue with enthusiastic young attendees and large Pokémon card donation

Planning Thomas Becknell author talk on his book Enchantments of the Mississippi: A Contemplative Journey of Time and Place for November

Costume Closet will reopen October 1

Working with Piggly wiggly for pumpkin patch selling

State Aid application is being completed

PALS Report Highlights:

Library Music Series

Finished hosting Summer Music Series. Attendance was 472 for the summer.

Began planning for Winter Music Series: February 8, 15, 22, & 29.

Summer Newsletter, KEYNOTES, published on July 28th

Greg Gologowski joined the PALS Board

He and his wife Helen are volunteering for the new Homework Help program

PALS eBay Bookstore up and running

Purpose is to sell more valuable books given as donations to the library that should not wind up in our \$5 fill-a-bag sales.

Since first sale on August 24th, 17 books sold, with a net proceed of \$331.

100% positive feedback

Adopted a New Mission Statement:

"The Mission of PALS—the Friends of the Apalachicola Margaret Key Public Library—is to support the library through volunteering, financial support, and public advocacy."

PALS Volunteers hosted Chess, STEAM @Project Impact, Pop-Up Crafts

Classic Movie Night—Thursday, Sept 15

"Blackboard Jungle"—Sidney Poitier & Glenn Ford

"Big Bang" of Rock 'n' Roll

"Stock Up for Fall' Book Sale—Saturday, Sept 23rd

Old Business

The city commission approved the submission for State Aid to Libraries

Lucy Carter presented the Annual Plan of Service for 2023-24. It was unanimously approved by the board.

New Business

Sondra will contact the president of Philaco Club, Jackie Bell, to discuss our relationship

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

Next Meeting: October 10, 2023, 5:00pm.