

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:

Old Library Building

Meeting was called to order by Sondra Taylor-Furbee, Chairperson, at 5:03 pm

Voting Board Members Present:

Jerry Hurley

Audie Piper

Sondra Taylor-Furbee

Ralph Wagoner

Ex-Officio Members and Others Present:

Liz Perkins, PALS Representative

Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

The minutes were accepted as presented

Director's Report Highlights:

Statistical report was distributed

PALS Report:

Submitted by Liz Perkins

December 2024 activities included:

- Decorated the library for the holidays 12/1
- Assisted with Santa's visit on 12/6
- Set up and ran a PALS/Library information table at the Fresh Market 12/7
- Assisted with the Hanukkah/Christmas event 12/11
- Hosted a STEAM activity for youth 12/13
- Assisted with Craft Activity on 12/17 and 12/19
- Began handling the library's social media accounts and graphics design

January 2025 activities included:

- Recruited extra “floating” volunteers who are trained to work the desk and can be called on at short notice by Isel and Nissie
- Removed the holiday decorations 1/5
- Hosted Clayton & ‘the Preacher’ music event 1/15
- Hosted a STEAM activity 1/17
- Hosted an Audubon speaker on Coastal Birds & Birding 1/28
- Continued handling the library’s social media accounts, graphics design, and web page updating

February 2025 activities have included:

- Hosted Jenny Odom in the Winter Art + Music Series 2/6
- Hosted a Craft Activity on 2/11

Upcoming February

- Jan DeCosmo & Mike Lewis, Winter Art + Music Series 2/13
- Will assist with setup for Readings in Black 2/18
- Haiqiong Deng, Winter Art + Music Series 2/20
- STEAM activity 2/21
- Chip Sanders, Winter Art + Music Series 2/27
- Will continue handling the library’s social media accounts, graphic design, and web page updating at least through the end of the month
- Will publish the library’s winter newsletter 2/28

March

- PALS Spring Book Sale 3/15
- Craft Activities 3/18 and 3/20 (during Spring Break)
- STEAM activity 3/28

Note: several PALS board members (Rich Lenhart, Janine Gedmin, Bonnie Lewis, & Greg Golgowski) are very involved as volunteers for Homework Help and VITA Tax Preparation. Our ongoing work as PALS volunteers includes working the desk, re-shelving books, running the eBay bookstore, sorting through the book donations, posting flyers, running the PALS Facebook page, recruiting volunteers for events, organizing snacks for events, filling the Little Free Libraries, etc.

New Business:

Board members reviewed meeting room policies from Leon County Public Library (Tallahassee) and Alachua County Public Library (Gainesville). Discussion followed with members preferring the Leon County Policy for their simplicity. Jerry suggested adding point 7 of the Alachua County Policy to the elements of the Leon County Policy.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2025, 5:00pm.