

Staunton Public Library
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
September 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dan Swift. Also in attendance were board members Josh Howard, Christy Davis, Sarah Skrobis, Director, and JoAnn Tigert, liaison for Friends of the Library.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved as corrected.

Talking Book Report: Dan Swift reported that the TBC staff is planning a display for the upcoming kick-off meeting of the United Way of Augusta. Another display is in the works for the Queen City Mischief and Magic event.

- Talking Books, Inc. is finalizing its agreement with Staunton City as to responsibilities of the city, the library, and TBC.
- TBC needs to raise an additional \$15,000 to cover the cost of a part-time position going full-time.
- A new system for processing downloads may change how things operate in the future.

Friends of the Library: Jo Ann Tigert reported Bedlam Bingo raised over \$400.

- With the upcoming Book Sale in October, efficient book sorting by volunteers is of utmost importance.
- Friends of the Library plans a chair fundraiser to refurbish the chairs in the meeting room. Individuals may support the effort with \$60 donation per chair.
- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 23rd featuring David Simms, author of Fear the Reaper.

Director's Report: Sarah Skrobis reported that with the hiring of two new pages, the library is now 100% staffed!

- The visit from the Overdrive Digital Bookmobile drew 106 visitors and 62 new users.
- Many good ideas about serving patrons were gleaned from August's Staff Development Day in Richmond.
- Sarah attended The Community Foundation mixer where non-profits could network.
- The Staunton Public Library hosted Mary Baldwin students for a tour to familiarize them with our facilities.
- Along with Augusta County, Staunton Public Library held a pop-up at the playground.
- Staunton Public Library plans a booth for the Staunton Pride event in October.
- Sarah presented at the Kiwanis meeting.
- The first floor renovation project will begin in 2019.

- **Statistics:** Circulation numbers remain good. As a result of recent merchandising efforts, displays, such as the current one for Constitution Day, highlight books that might otherwise remain invisible in the stacks.
- Whereas Young Adult numbers are down, digital usage is up.
- TBC circulation is up 15% in Augusta County alone.
- Programming numbers are down.
- Interlibrary loans (as opposed to purchases) are encouraged for more obscure items, and patrons are encouraged to cross reference college catalogues in an effort to locate these items.
- **City Council Nominating Committee:** To date, no one has been nominated to fill the vacancy on the Library Advisory Board.
- **Library Foundation:** Next meeting of the Foundation is Thursday, October 18th, at 3:00 P.M. The Foundation wishes to honor Ruth Arnold's many years of service with a gift. Josh Howard and Christy Davis volunteered to work with Sarah to compile suggestions for the Foundation to consider.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 P.M. Next Advisory Board Meeting is set for Thursday, October 18th, at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Christy Davis
Secretary