

Library Advisory Committee

February 16, 2012

Gulf Breeze Library

The Library Advisory Committee met on the above date with the following members present: Michael Sandler, Martha Lyle and Robert Menzer. Also present were DeVann Cook (Human Resources Director) Gwen Wilson (Library Director) and Kathy Jordan. Michael Sandler called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

The minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting were approved.

Mr.

Sandler introduced Robert Menzer, as the District 5 appointee, appointed to the Director's Report

Gwen Wilson reported that Santa Rosa County is no longer eligible for the Equalization grant. She presented a written report and fact sheet providing the reduction amounts beginning with fiscal year 2011 through 2015. (See attached State Aid to Libraries Grants.)

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7% and will impact the budget considerably.

Ms. Wilson reported that Saturdays with Santa was a big success. There were a total of 478 people who participated in the program (310 children and 168 adults). She noted that we have some wonderful resources in Genealogy and Margaret is doing a workshop to make people more aware of the resources and this month is

American Roots

going on in Navarre for quite a while just kicked off in Pace with nine fifteen minute sessions and 14 children. The Brown Bag Lunch Series just started in Navarre and the Friends Book Sales will begin soon and Natasha has created a bookmark with the dates of all the sales and all the different locations. A press release has been issued and the dates have been published in the local newspapers and each sale will be advertised as it comes up.

Ms. Wilson reported that computer use from October to December of 2012 was 8,686 hours by the public (which does not include people who bring their own computers and use the WiFi). (See attached PC Reservation PC Usage Report) She also reported the circulation statistics (see attached Item Circulation Statistics, Usage Summary and Audio Books).

Menzer asked what portion of the total budget this represents. Mr. Cook said about *Discover Your African at the Milton Library. The R.E.A.D Dogs program which has been*

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anytime soon because of the costs but we do have links on our web page for free e-books.

Sandler asked if we would be getting e-books for our users. Ms. Wilson said not

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Other Business

Mr. Sandler noted that there is a good article about Gwen in the February 15, 2012 Pelican.

Mr. Cook welcomed Mr. Menzer on behalf of the County. He noted that the County is

aware of the loss of the Equalization funds and that he and Mr. Walker understand that the Library system cannot take anymore cuts to its budget and he feels that the County will make up the difference.

Mr. Cook also noted that things are going very well with Gwen Wilson as our Director and that she is aware that there are some issues with the self check out system and some of the other equipment. Gwen is checking on what options are available to improve services. He noted that the relationship with the Friends groups is wonderful and advised everyone to call Gwen if they have a problem.

The Committee talked about how helpful the Friends groups are to the Library System and discussed issuing a Press Release about the usefulness of the Friends groups and Mr. Cook requested a report at the next meeting of the amount donated from the Friends groups and agreed that this information will be helpful to generate public interests in the groups.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2012

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 4:40p.m. to tour the GulfBreeze Library with Amy McDonald.

at 4:00p.m. at the Pace Library.

Library Committee January 23, 2012 by the Board of County Commissioners.