

**JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

**East Bank Regional Library  
Administration Conference Room  
4747 West Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, Louisiana 70001**

**March 19, 2019  
MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lisa Conescu, Patricia Cox, Becky Knight, Judy Mills, and Rita Tonglet

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Min. Akkheem Dunham and Margaret Thompson

**LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT:** Marylyn Haddican, Irene Lunkin, Verdie Richburg, and Antoinette Scott

**OTHER PARISH STAFF:** None

The meeting was called to order by Patricia at 4:00 p.m.

Conescu/Knight made a motion to dispense with the reading of the February minutes and accept them as written. Motion carried.

**Director's Report:**

- It is likely the Terrytown Library will open mid-May. The construction crew is working diligently and the contractor seems to be good to work with. Next week, a staff meeting will be held to discuss closing Old Metairie Library. The library will close on 4/29, a week before the contractor is scheduled to start the interior renovations. This project also includes adding 4 additional parking spots. These two libraries will be closed at the same time for a few weeks.
- Belle Terre Library addition/renovation project has not gone out for bid yet. Burgdahl and Graves Architects are still working on the plans for the West Bank Regional Library addition project. However, we should be ready to go out for bids by the end of the year. Our maintenance staff is working on installing the light in Rosedale's additional parking area.
- Marylyn mentioned Councilman Templet provided the library with funds to purchase the lot/building next to the Gretna Library. The Parish Attorney's Office is in the process of purchasing the property. Marylyn is not in favor of the Library acquiring this additional property, but is open to the possibility of using it for an Archives building. An agreement will have to be put in place on who is responsible for the maintenance, utilities, and operations of the building.

Last weekend we held a teen author event, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Verdie reported the event featured nationally known best-selling teen authors Dhonielle Clayton and Zoraida Cordova at the Rosedale, East Bank Regional and West Bank Regional libraries. The authors spoke about their books and encouraged teens, tweens and older writers to fulfill their dreams of creating fiction. Dhonielle Clayton is author of a "The Belles" series and Zoraida Cordova is the author of the "Brooklyn Brujas" series. Verdie said she met the authors last year at the ALA conference and they were both excited about the idea of presenting a program. Verdie also worked diligently with Disney who helped sponsor the authors for this event. A total of 10 books were sold at the events. One of the authors expressed interest in returning to do another program. Also, last week, Chris presented a "Dress of Success" program at the Rosedale where the presenter addressed conflict resolution. Our goal is to put on positive programs at Rosedale for the students that hang out in the library after school. Marylyn added she would like to get a local athlete to come speak.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35p.m.