

**JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

East Bank Regional Library – Administration Conference Room
4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie, LA 70001

**April 19, 2022
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Patricia Cox, Charles Gaudin, Judy Mills and Margaret Thompson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Lisa Conescu, Becky Knight and James Simmons

LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT: Irene Lunkin, Melissa Muhoberac and Antoinette Scott

OTHER PARISH STAFF: Leighton Ciravolo, Parish Attorney for Library

Margaret called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Mills/Cox made a motion to dispense with the reading of the March minutes and accept them as written. Motion carried.

Director's Report:

- Adult Programming Manager Chris Smith reported he will be meeting with Parks and Recreation to establish ways we can interact with each other and collaborate on programming events. Programming has started again and we have a lot of young librarians wanting to put on programming events at their branches. Sound panels will soon will installed in the EBR meeting rooms which will allow us to start using half of the room for some in person programs at EBR while the other half of the room is being utilized by the JP Emergency Rental Assistance Program. We will soon be advertised on WWNO and on Susan Larson's radio show "Reading Life". Patrons will continue to receive email blasts about programming and events.
- Last week we wrapped up National Library Week. During that week, the Parish President came over to do a video promoting the library. We also ran a "Food for Fines" campaign where patrons were able to donate cans of food to have their fines forgiven. In all, we collected 20 boxes of food to donate to Second Harvest.
- Our Youth Services department is hosting a *Reading Challenges* program that started in March. This program is to challenge school aged children and teens to read books. Patrons wishing to participate must register online and read a targeted number of books specific for their age group. They must also log their readings on either the paper log provided by staff or on the website. After reading the targeted amount of books, a patron will receive a prize and also have a chance to win an Amazon gift card. This program is separate from the annual Summer Reading Program event and is held year round.
- The Parish's Public Information Office is reviewing our new website. If approved, our new website will go live at the end of this week.

Margaret commented on the increase of programs, which is a result of more in person programming events system-wide.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

Henry Newton, Founding President and member of the New Orleans InfraGard Chapter, informed the board of a digital library he would like to the library to display for the public. The digital library contains documents from the National Disaster Resilience Council with topics such as the dangers of ElectroMagnetic Pulse (EMP) and Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD). Mr. Newton indicated he is also affiliated with Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Melissa informed Mr. Newton that some of the information in his digital library is accessible via our EBSCO database.

Joseph Sbisà had no remarks. He indicated he came to observe.

Margaret reminded members to complete their Governmental Ethics Training for 2022. The Sexual Harassment training will be presented at the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.