

**JEFFERSON PARISH LIBRARY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**May 21, 2024  
MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lisa Conescu, Becky Knight, and Bob Bales

**BOARD MEMBERS PERSENT VIRTUAL:** None

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Patricia Cox and James Simmons

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

**OTHER PARISH STAFF:** CAA Mario Bazile and Assistant Parish Attorney Meredith Hearn

**GUEST:** North Kenner Librarian I Laura Pagoaga, Youth Services Coordinator Erin Korosi, EBR Teen Librarian Jennifer Bishop, and Adult Programming Coordinator Angie Wollschlaeger.

Becky called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m.

An informational meeting was held. No quorum.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- Jessica Introduced North Kenner Librarian I Laura Pagoaga as the 2024 Library Employee of the Year.
- Items to be approved at Wednesday's Council meeting include: Permission to have food trucks at the EBR and WBR Summer Reading Kick-Off events, Renewal of the Jefferson Performing Arts passes and Renewal of our Wall Street Journal online subscription.
- Pictures of the exterior of the Avondale Library were on display. The Substantial Completion date for the library was moved back to December; the opening date may be in February, around the same time of the Parish 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. We are working on selecting furniture and a small collection, and hiring staff.
- Wagner Library is wheel chair accessible again. The library will be closed for a month in September for construction, installation of new light fixtures, painting and carpet installation. When completed, the library will include 4 additional study rooms for a total of 6 and a meeting room.
- Maintenance continue to work with the HVAC systems at WBR and Lafitte libraries and may have an alternative solution for the system at WBR which will include working with Trane and another Parish department.

- On June 1, patrons signing up for library cards for their minor children will have to complete a form to choose the levels and types of materials they want their minor children to be able to check-out

Youth Service Coordinator Erin Korosi announced this year's Summer Reading Program (SRP) starts June 1 – July 31. Participants can sign up at their local library or online June 1. Participants that complete SRP tasks can win prizes provided by the Friends of the Library. Second Harvest Foods will be providing snacks throughout the summer at various library locations on various days. A Kick-off event at EBR and WBR is scheduled for June 1. The event will include food trucks, games, arts and crafts. Board members were invited to attend

EBR Teen Librarian Jennifer Bishop reported the theme for the teen SRP will be based around the Percy Jackson book series. Some of the Teen SRP events include: games, arts and crafts, gaming on wheels, fiction writing workshops, Kitten Yoga, and a Teen Lock-In the last few days of the SRP.

Adult Programming Coordinator Angie Wollschlaeger reported she will be coordinating events for young adults and programming at Grand Isle library. She provided the Board with an outline of the various programs she will be coordinating, which include jigsaw puzzle extravaganza, hoop dancing, arts and crafts, watercolor events, and an 80s Mall Mystery at River Ridge Library.

Adult Programming Manager Chris Smith announced tonight they will be using the food demonstration table for a program at EBR and next week at WBR.

Mario Bazile commented the staff have a lot of fun amazing programming and events scheduled.

Jessica pointed out our overall library usage is almost doubled what it was this time last year, especially the database usage statistic.

The next meeting is June 18, 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 PM.