

Annual LAB Orientation

Monday, January 10, 2022

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Anastasia Island Library

124 Seagrove Main Street

St. Augustine, FL 32080

Agenda

- 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
Mike Macnamara, LAB Chairman
- 9:05 - 10:30 Review of Sunshine Law and Public Records
Jalisa Ferguson, Assistant County Attorney
Betty Dixon, Legal Services Specialist, OCA
- 10:30 - 10:45 Break
- 10:45 -- 11:00 Overview of FY2023 Budget Request process
Debra Rhodes Gibson, Library Director
- 11:00 - 11:30 Update on Villages Library project
Greg Caldwell, Public Works Director
- 11:30 - 11:45 Election of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary
- 12:00pm Adjourn and Library Tours available

Next LAB Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2022 @ Main Library

St. Johns County Public Library Advisory Board
December 13, 2021
Hastings Branch Library

LAB MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike McNamara, Chair
Rebecca Taus
John Cellucci
Sarah Carlson
Mel Longo
Catherine St. Jean

STAFF PRESENT

Jae Bass, Technical Services Manager
Brad Powell, Hastings Branch Manager
Debra Rhodes Gibson, Library Director
County Administration
Sarah Taylor, Asst. County Administrator
BCC Liaison
Com. Paul Waldron (via e-mail)

1. **Call to Order:** Mike Macnamara, LAB Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion to approve minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting was made by St. Jean; seconded by Cellucci. The Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Discussion with Friends of the Hastings Library:** Brad Powell, Branch Managers, reported on the Hastings Christmas Parade. Longo asked about the number of current active FOL members.
5. **Commissioner Comments:** Com. Waldron discussed the potential impacts on LAB due to expanding the number of libraries within SJCPPLS.
6. **Library Director's Report:**
 - A. **Monthly Statistics:** There was a discussion regarding the continued increase in e-circulation vs. traditional circulation stats.
 - B. **Expenditure Status Reports:** There were no questions at this time.
 - C. **Other Items:** None
7. **Old Business:**
 - A. **LAB Appointments:** Gibson encouraged board members to engage in deeper discussions, addressing differing opinions and directions, at the board level to gain a consensus rather than going "around" the LAB directly to BCC, Legal, and/or County Admin. All board members can benefit from further discussion of issues, seeing issues from various perspectives. If the LAB makes a recommendation to the BCC as a group but individual board members later make differing recommendations, this can leave the BCC and the public with the perception that LAB does not really know what they want and future recommendations may not be taken as seriously.
 - B. **SJReads and 5K Race:** Gibson reminded board members that St. Johns Reads will be held in January and distributed a copy of the events brochure. The 5K race is set for January 29, 2022 in Nocatee.
 - C. **Other Business:** Gibson provided an update on the WGV and Hastings library projects.

- 8. Report from FOL Liaison:** Taus reported on recent FOL group meeting held at the Bartram Trail Library. All FOLS were represented except Ponte Vedra. There was lengthy discussion on the topic of how to reach/recruit new FOL members. The next gathering will include training on the use of social media for FOL events and recruiting efforts.
- 9. New Business**
- A. FS 847.012 "Harmful to Minors" Act:** Gibson shared an update on recent FL legislation regarding materials/topics deemed "harmful to minors" and the potential impact on school curricula and school library collections. Board discussed possible impact on public library collections. Gibson reminded LAB that they had recently approved the updated Collection Development and Reconsideration of Materials policies. These issues are why libraries have such policies and procedures in place. Board also reviewed ALA and FLA statements of concern regarding recent increase in number of challenges and requests to censor materials.
 - B. SJC Branding Initiative:** Gibson provided county news release details for upcoming public input meetings regarding the county branding project. She encouraged LAB members to attend if at all possible or provide their feedback through the project website. She also encouraged board members to share the meeting information widely with neighbors, family, and friends.
 - C. Other Business:** None
- 10. County Administration Comments:** None
- 11. Chair/Board Member Comments:** Carlson said she would like to visit the various library locations and meet with staff/managers. Gibson will ask branch managers to send contact information to Carlson to schedule appointments.
- 12. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was proposed by Longo, and seconded by St. Jean. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Rhodes Gibson, LAB Staff Liaison

****Next Meeting: Monday 1/10/22 @ Anastasia Island Branch Library***