

The Alexandria Library Board was called to order by Chairperson Dorothy “Brooksie” Koopman, on Monday, February 24, 2011 at 4:08 pm in the Ilka K. Dickman Board Room at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. Members present were R. Hobson, D. Koopman, O. Fitzgerald, A. Paul, G. Day-Fuller, and T. Downing. Member absent was F. Fannon.

Staff present were Director Dawson, Deputy Director Renner and Administrative Officer Wesson.

Mrs. Koopman asked that the guests introduce themselves. Lynda Rudd, Renee Dipilato, Eileen Bradley, Kathleen Schloeder, and Mark Schwartz introduced themselves.

Mrs. Koopman then thanked former board member Kathleen Schloeder for her two years of exemplary service. She welcomed Gwendolyn Day-Fuller back after her reappointment and congratulated Thom Downing on his appointment to the Board.

Mrs. Paul moved to approve the December 2010 minutes as amended. Mrs. Koopman seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Director Dawson introduced Renee Dipilato as the new Central Library Manager and announced the appointment of Ashley Jefferson as the new Burke Branch Manager.

The Year-To-Date statistics are as follows:

<b>DIVISION</b>	<b>CIRCULATION</b>	<b>CIRCULATION PERCENTAGE INC/DEC</b>	<b>PATRON COUNT</b>	<b>PATRON COUNT PERCENTAGE NC/DEC</b>
<b>BARRETT</b>	75,300	-34.80%	73,317	-14.68%
<b>BEATLEY</b>	311,925	-11.78%	200,666	-9.25%
<b>BURKE</b>	69,289	-24.33%	97,093	-13.26%
<b>DUNCAN</b>	150,803	-11.90%	147,720	-11.31%
<b>LOCAL HISTORY</b>	7,737	-14.08%	10,174	-16.05%
<b>TALKING BOOKS</b>	4,314	72.56%	1,513	-14.14%
<b>OVERDRIVE DOWNLOADABLE &amp; EBOOK USAGE</b>	3,859	8.31%		

<b>NETLIBRARY EBOOK USAGE</b>	3,287	101.78%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>626,514</b>	<b>-16.30%</b>	<b>563,562</b>	<b>-11.45%</b>
<b>REGISTERED BORROWERS</b>		172,775		3.13%
<b>DOWNLOADABLE BORROWERS*</b>		6,446		23.06%
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS</b>		444,558		0.54%
<b>LIBRARY WEBSITE VISITS</b>		157,398		-3.26%
<b>LIBRARY WEBSITE PAGES USED</b>		197,507		-8.41%
<b>MEETING ROOMS</b>	122 meetings (MONTHLY) \$1,882.50 (YEAR TO DATE)			

- Downloadable Borrower count did not previously include the cumulative total from the previous fiscal year.

**MONTHLY INTERNET COMPUTER UTILIZATION:**

	<b>No. of Terminals-Automated Signup</b>	<b>No. of Sessions</b>	<b>Utilization</b>
<b>Barrett</b>	8	1,431	74.57%
<b>Beatley</b>	24	5,117	72.90%
<b>Burke</b>	16	2,298	68.71%
<b>Duncan</b>	9	1,445	73.05%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10,291</b>	<b>72.08%</b>

NOTE: Beginning June 1, 2010, Library reduced hours of operation at all facilities.

Director Dawson presented the Director's Report. She provided information concerning the monthly activity report and the status of the FY12 Budget. She commented that the Library's Budget Work Session with the City Council was scheduled for March 21.

Mrs. Paul then presented the treasurer's report. She reported that the Library was 58% through the year and had spent 53% of the budget and 51.3% of State Aid funds. Director Dawson then provided a comparison of FY08-09 actual expenditures and water usage in response to a question raised at a previous meeting concerning the utility costs.

Mr. Fitzgerald moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Hobson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hobson presented the Investment Committee Report, noting that for December 2010, of the 58 equities held, 45 reflected an increase. For January 2011, 43 reflected an increase. He added that the asset value for the portfolio for December 1, 2010 went up 3.2%. Mrs. Koopman noted that BB&T was now utilizing a new model which did not simply buy large capitalization stocks but included the purchase of small and midcap stocks, as well as international stocks; in January about 60 positions in the small and midcap areas were purchased. Mr. Hobson said that the Investment Committee would meet with BB&T representatives in the near future.

Mrs. Koopman noted that the Secretary position was now open with Mrs. Schloeder's departure from the Board. She motioned to elect Mrs. Day-Fuller as Secretary. Mrs. Paul seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Director Dawson presented the Library's Five Year Plan. Mr. Hobson moved to approve the plan. Mrs. Day-Fuller seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Koopman reported that the City Council had requested that the Library Board discuss and consider the possibility of increasing the number of members on the Board. She then provided background information to help put everything into context. A lengthy discussion followed, concerning the value of new perspectives, interest, and ideas; the efficiency of the existing board composite; utilizing Friends of the Library input to help communicate community interest; and ensuring the community's awareness that Library Board meetings are open. It was determined that the majority of the Board felt that the number of members was sufficient.

Director Dawson said that she would share with the Board the document that she would prepare for council's docket before it went forward..

Mrs. Paul shared that she had watched a documentary about Target stores and their connection to Michael Graves, the architect of Beatley Central Library.

Guest Sharon Anir, Administrative Assistant for Councilwoman Alicia Hughes was invited to introduce herself since she arrived late.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn Day-Fuller  
Secretary