

The Alexandria Library Board was called to order by Chairperson Dorothy “Brooksie” Koopman, on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 4:07 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, K. Schloeder, and F. Fannon.

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

Bill Eger from General Services presented a proposal to install a solar photovoltaic system at Beatley Central Library. Mrs. Koopman requested that the connectors not go over the ridges of the roof, in order to maintain the aesthetics; Mr. Eger replied that this could be done. The Board questioned the cost-benefit of the solar panels, but supported the project given the fact that federal funding was already available for this project.

Mrs. Paul moved to approve the February 2012 minutes as amended. Mrs. Schloeder seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

The Year-To-Date statistics are as follows:

DIVISION	CIRCULATION	CIRCULATION PERCENTAGE INC/DEC	PATRON COUNT	PATRON COUNT PERCENTAGE INC/DEC
BARRETT	107,057	10.86%	97,311	2.29%
BEATLEY	390,070	-0.97%	247,236	-1.03%
BURKE**	95,253	9.88%	92,013	3.98%
DUNCAN	205,495	8.08%	173,379	-16.84%
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	11,918	10.91%	12,054	5.20%
TALKING BOOKS	4,918	-12.79%	1,717	3.12%
EMATERIALS	30,279	195.32%		
TOTAL	844,990	6.43%	623,710	-1.85%

REGISTERED BORROWERS*	150,396	-13.85%
EBORROWERS	10,064	48.68%
LIBRARY MATERIALS	478,551	6.64%
LIBRARY WEBSITE VISITS	212,120	4.74%
LIBRARY WEBSITE PAGES USED	261,963	2.94%
MEETING ROOMS	139 Meetings (MONTHLY) \$3,640.50 (YTD)	

MONTHLY INTERNET COMPUTER UTILIZATION:

	No. of Terminals- Automated Signup	No. of Sessions	Utilization
Barrett	8	1,751	75.23%
Beatley	24	5,824	73.08%
Burke	16	1,335	53.50%
Duncan	9	2,188	55.54%

TOTAL	57	11,098	65.78%
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*Registered Borrowers reduction due to more comprehensive patron purge in July.

**Patron count corrected due to error.

Director Dawson reported that circulation was up 4%, patron count was down 1.85%, and the number of ebook borrowers continued to climb substantially. She reported that preliminary add-deletes for the FY13 budget would be released April 23, and discussed on April 30. She also reported that on April 25, the Alexandria Library would host American Library Association President Molly Raphael in a fireside chat, to which surrounding library systems and board members were invited. She announced that on April 26 and 27, she would attend the Virginia Public Library Director's Association retreat. Director Dawson also announced that through the generosity of Ferdinand Day, the Library had received autographed copies of books written by several Supreme Court Justices, as well as an autographed copy of a photograph of the current Justices. These items would be retained in the Special Collections Division.

Mrs. Koopman asked for the status of the Burke Branch Green Roof. Deputy Director Renner replied that she had been informed that General Services had received the bids for the project, and that they would evaluate proposals later in the week.

Mrs. Paul reported that the Library, 75% through the year, had spent almost 71% of its budget and 61% of its State Aid. The Library had collected \$252,548, which is 84% of the fines and fees requirement. The additional income was due to the fines and fees being received as a result of activity by the Library's materials recovery agency, Unique. Mrs. Paul noted that this was a temporary increase due to the initial activity with Unique, and it was not expected to be repeated next year. Mrs. Koopman moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Hobson seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hobson presented the Investment Committee report. He noted that the investment account had experienced an annual increase of .45%. He reported that he would ask BB&T to send benchmarks monthly, rather than quarterly.

Mrs. Koopman appointed Mrs. Day-Fuller and Mrs. Paul to assist her with the Director's annual evaluation.

Mrs. Koopman appointed Mr. Fitzgerald to work with her on the annual report over the summer. It would be distributed to the board over the summer, and would be voted on at the September meeting.

Mrs. Koopman appointed Mrs. Schloeder and Mr. Hobson to serve as the nomination committee for the June election of officers.

Mrs. Koopman announced that the Library was approached with the possibility of acquiring a copy of what is believed to be the fourth earliest known map of the City of Alexandria. It is a copy of a map; the original map is not contained in any known collection. The Library is interested in procurement of the map, with assistance from other interested parties in the city. Groups such as The Lyceum Company were willing to contribute to the purchase. Mr. Fitzgerald added that a ledger accompanies the map, which contains 200 pages of copies of land records and other information. He added that he had received commitments of support from other organizations interested in historic preservation. He added that he hoped that the Library Company would come up with the largest portion of the funds. Mrs. Paul said that she would like the Library Company to present this acquisition as a gift to the Library for its birthday. There

was discussion regarding the possible need for the Library to contribute funds if the total received from donors was not sufficient. Mrs. Schloeder said that this would be a worthy cause for which Mourot funds could be used. The Board expressed its support of the purchase of the document, utilizing some Mourot funds if enough donations could not be gathered.

Mr. Hobson moved to adjourn at 6:39pm. Mrs. Day-Fuller seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn Day-Fuller
Secretary