

**LAKE WALES LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 AT 4:00 PM
LAKE WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY – SCHOENOFF MEETING ROOM**

Members in attendance: Allison Kapphan, Imelda Tice, Brandon Alvarado and Jodie Schmidt

Staff in attendance: Tina Peak (by remote) and Dorinda Mosby

Guests: Joanna Abernathy (Deputy City Manager) and Kara Wiseman

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The meeting was called to order by Allison Kapphan.

**Review of the Meeting Minutes for May 2022**

A motion to approve the minutes for the May 2022 meeting was made by Brandon Alvarado and seconded by Imelda Tice. There was no discussion, the motion was carried.

**Library Updates**

Tina introduced Joanna Abernathy, the new Deputy City Manager and has been assigned to oversee several city departments including the Lake Wales Public Library. Ms. Abernathy comes to the City of Lake Wales with over 30 years' experience in government work.

Tina announced the summer programs the Lake Wales Public Library will be conducting and that all summer programs at the library are sponsored by the Lake Wales Library Association and Mountain Lake Community services, Inc.

Kara Wiseman discussed the summer programs that Youth Services would be having at the Lake Wales Public Library.

Tina reminded the Lake Wales Library Board that at the September meeting the Lake Wales Library Budget for the 2022-2023 year would need the Library Board's approval.

Tina announced that starting next week there are six interviews to be held for her position as Director of the Lake Wales Public Library. The interviews will be conducted by Allison Kapphan (Chairperson, Lake Wales Library Board), Sandra Davis (Human Resources Director, City of Lake Wales) and Gladys Roberts (Cooperative Coordinator, Polk County Library Cooperative).

Tina announced there is a national trend of challenging materials on library shelves. Currently, the trend is geared to school libraries. At the last Library Directors' meeting held in May the Winter Haven Director described three phone calls she'd received regarding children checking out adult books. It is the parent's responsibility to know the materials their children are checking out. Children under the age of 12 cannot be in our library without adult supervision, therefore, the responsible adult must be aware of the book(s) their children are reading.

Changes to the current Circulation Policy for the Lake Wales Public Library were brought before the board today and these changes were reviewed by the board. Jodie Schmidt

made the motion to approve the changes and Imelda Tice seconded the motion. Motion passed for the changes to the Circulation Policy.

Jodie Schmidt received the first draft that Peter Pearson provided after the Strategic Planning Session that was attended by both Lake Wales Public Library boards. New committees are to be formed by the Lake Wales Library Association board. Tina updated Ms. Abernathy regarding the Strategic Planning of both library boards.

Tina announced The Florida Department of State Division of Library and Information Services and Florida State Parks have partnered to provide public library card holders a new opportunity this summer! The Lake Wales Public Library has two *Real Florida Reader State Park Passes*. Adults can check one pass per household, for seven days. The *Real Florida Reader State Park Pass* is for day-use entry and is valid only at Florida state parks, *excluding Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife, Skyway Pier, and Weeki Wachee Springs state parks*. The pass is not accepted at local, municipal, county, or federal parks, national forests, or national wildlife refuges. The *Real Florida Reader State Park Pass* is good for one vehicle, up to eight people. It does not cover activity fees or entry to special events, museums or boat tours, boat launching, rentals, or overnight camping or lodging. When you checkout a *Real Florida Reader State Park Pass*, you will receive a tag for your vehicle. This tag is your admission, and must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard or rearview mirror during your visit. The pass checks out for seven days and must be returned to the library where it was borrowed. If the pass is not returned to the Lake Wales Public Library within 8 days of check out the pass will be disabled for use during the program period. *The Real Florida Reader State Park Pass* program continues through September 12, 2022. Holds may not be placed on the *Real Florida Reader State Park Pass*.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Abernathy shared the findings of a survey that the City of Lake Wales conducted last year on services provided to the residents of the city. The library rated very high in satisfaction in all the categories.

There will be no meeting in July, unless necessary. The next meeting is scheduled for 2022 at 4 pm in the Lake Wales Public Library's Schoenoff Meeting Room. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email [library@lakewalesfl.gov](mailto:library@lakewalesfl.gov).

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned by Allison Kapphan.

Submitted by

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Allison Kapphan, Chairman

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Dorinda Mosby, Library Assistant

