

**LAKE WALES LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, June 9, 2025 AT
4:00 PM
LAKE WALES PUBLIC LIBRARY – SCHOENOFF MEETING ROOM**

Members in attendance: Allison Kapphan and Kathy Manry Smith

Staff in attendance: Belle Reynoso and Dorinda Mosby

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The meeting was called to order by Allison Kapphan.

**Review of the Meeting Minutes for April 2025**

The minutes could not be approved and seconded as there was not a quorum in attendance.

**Library Updates**

Library Director Belle presents her Director's Report.

Belle spoke of the renovation project that has started. There is now a temporary wall around the job site. The weeding project has been completed and the target number has been met. Belle needs to inquire regarding locks for the quiet study room doors.

Kathy asked the name of the company doing the renovation and Belle confirmed the company is Qualis General Contractors out of Tampa and the supervisor of the project is Sam Everett.

A staff member of the library will make an announcement, as needed, regarding the construction noise.

The library staff is going to start pushing for patrons to use the lockers and BMail service.

Belle reported to the Library Board that BMail and the Bookmobile service, as we know it, are ending as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Polk County Library Cooperative Governing Board has motioned to change the services of these groups. There will be a different service and model forthcoming. Each Polk County Library will have the opportunity to continue with their own BMail service. If a library does not wish to incorporate a BMail service, one of the nearby libraries that handles their own BMail will handle it for them. \

On the other hand, the Bookmobile will be providing pop-up service once changes are implemented.

Gladys Roberts, the Coordinator for Polk County Library Cooperative, has announced that PCLC will be in need of 2-3 people for positions they will have upcoming.

Solivita was just acquired by the Bookmobile and signed 80 new patron cards.

Both Library Board members were deeply affected by the news regarding BMail and the Bookmobile.

Belle went over statistical reports for April and May 2024. She reported that all areas are steady.

Belle announced that they would be reconfiguring the patron computer area.

No department reports this month. The library staff Division Leads will prepare department reports for the next library board meeting.

### **Other Business**

The next library board meeting will be held at 4 PM on August 11, 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:

Allison Kapphan, Chairman

Dorinda Mosby, Library Assistant