



Town of Lake Park, Florida

Library Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 06, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 535 Park Avenue, Lake Park, FL 33403

Robert Shelton	—	Chair
Shelby Lowe	—	Vice Chair
Lera Bradford	—	Regular Member
Henry Rios	—	Regular Member
Robert Shelton	—	Regular Member

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Roll Call

6:33 pm

PRESENT;

Vice Chair Lowe

Board Member Rios

Chair Shelton

Board Member Bradford

Board Member Rinaldi was not present for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Library Director Judith Cooper.

MINUTES

February 4, 2025 Library Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion to accept the minutes made by Board Member Rios. Seconded by Vice Chair Lowe.

Board Member Rios stated that he previously thought there was information missing from the minutes, but that he simply over-looked it and he no longer has any issue.

Voting Aye: All

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Library Director Cooper provided a presentation (Exhibit A).

Vice Chair Lowe expressed concerns with the balance between Library expenses and Library revenues with attendance down and expenses continuing to go up. Library Director Cooper stated that they are trying to get more people into the Library through various means. Board Member Rios stated that making a determination about whether the Library should exist is not within the Library Board's authority. The Board members discussed this point. Vice Chair Lowe asked about a Library survey and feels that it would be helpful to get that out to the community so that they can use the data to make recommendations. Library Director Cooper stated that they are putting the surveys out there, but they don't get many responses. Board Member Rios asked if the increasing expenses comes up at budget review meetings. Library Director Cooper stated that it does come up and the expectation for next fiscal year is to stay within the same budget, so if prices go up, that will reduce the amount of books they can buy.

Library Director Cooper requested direction from the Board for ideas moving forward to gain more attendance at the library. Vice Chair Lowe suggested to send the survey out again and to start from there. Chair Shelton suggested starting an adult chess club. Library Director Cooper provided several reasons as to why teens are not coming after school and stated that a survey will not help with that age group. Board Member Bradford suggested a silent book club for adults.

Library Director Cooper spoke about grants that have been sought for various programs. She stated that the grant process takes time and personnel and they are doing their best to apply for as many grants as possible.

Library Director Cooper asked the Board what other services they think people might be interested in. Vice Chair Lowe suggested doing some out-reach to unemployed residents so they can take advantage of the free resources at the library. Library Director Cooper stated they would work on getting that information out.

The next Library Board meeting was discussed as possibly taking place in September 2025.

BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chair Lowe. Seconded by Board Member Rios.

Meeting adjourned 7:38pm.