



The Franklin County Library Board of Trustees met on March 10, 2021 at 4:04 PM via Zoom with the following present: Dave Van Buskirk, Chairman; Kelly Doyle, Co-chair; Lynn Claxton, Carl Goodman, Portia Vaughn, trustees; Freda Clifton, Mark Clifton, Regional Trustee; Kathy Bennett, Lori Greer, Brigid Stewart, advisory members; T. Simmons, Foundation representative; Tina Stevens, Director; Kate Huddleston, Regional Library Assistant Director; Kathy Pack, Library IT Specialist.

The roll was called and the minutes from the January 13, 2021 meeting were approved as presented. Reports provided from the following:

Treasurer Portia Vaughn reported \$255,200 expended as of the end of February, which is 66.1% of total budget. Average monthly expenditures are between \$28,000 and \$30,000. No extreme surprises as of yet. Overage with Konica Minolta reflected in the Contracted Services line. The lease renewal is under review and provides more with unlimited printing and copying.

Director Tina Stevens' report attached as page 2.

These items were not included in the original report:

Ancestry not renewed. Cost exorbitant at approximately \$2000 annually. Those funds reallocated in part to programming and services.

Regional Library Assistant Director Kate Huddleston—Report attached as pages 3-4.

Building and Grounds Committee-Portia Vaughn, chair—Large HVAC under repair, awaiting cost. Concrete pad for Book Drop installed within the next two weeks.

Communications—Recognition from the US Census Bureau for the Library's participation in the 2020 Census.

No Unfinished Business

No New Business

No Public Comment

Trustees complimented FCL team for providing services and programs during pandemic. Portia Vaughn said that Tina and the staff have handled the pandemic wonderfully! Dave Van Buskirk stated that the team has done an incredible job. In addition, Freda Clifton shared she loves the posted videos.

Meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM

Franklin County Library Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Franklin County Library Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Director's Report
MAR 2021

We are open! After a brief stint of curbside only and maximum capacity, we are so glad to be operating normally. I am equally pleased that during the past year circulation has not suffered as much as I anticipated. Like everyone, we are hoping the pandemic is on its way out!

Ms. Robin continues to visit schools and is looking towards Summer Reading already! Storytime resumes mid-March along with the reopening of the Children's Library after the installation of the new shelving. Thank you Friends and Foundation!!! See the photos on the Facebook page.

The Program Team continues to maintain a strong social media presence with photos, videos, surveys, challenges, and a ton of info. S.T.R.E.A.M. activities are coming in late March. Folks are clamoring for things to do!

The History Room is hopping too. We are grateful for the volunteers who provide research services and maintain the collection. We have one of the best collections in the state, maybe even the country. In addition, we have one of the best guides in genealogical research, Jerry Limbaugh! He is always happy to help history-seekers.

Becca Rogers, Library Clerk, will be moving on to pursue her dreams of traveling the US via the RV life while working at national parks. She begins her journey at Glacier National Park this summer. What a beautiful place to work! We will miss her greatly as she has been an asset to the FCL team! She will keep us posted on her adventures.

The Friends of the Library are having a monthly book-sale the second week of each month. In addition, the Book Nook has gone mobile. New carts purchased by the Friends house the only used book store in Franklin County on the porch. The carts are rolled in at night.

We love your likes, comments, and shares! Visit us online at franklincountylibrary.org or like us on Facebook; follow us on Snapchat and Instagram.

Thank you for your service and all my best,

Tina L. Stevens, Director

Stones River Regional Library Monthly Report March 2021

Upcoming Workshops & Events

| Date | Subject | Speaker | Location |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| March 16, 2021 | Teen Librarian Summit | Kate Smith | Virtual |
| March 24, 2021 | Workplace Communication | Dr. Rubin Cockrell | Virtual |
| April 30, 2021 | Technology Tools for Libraries | Dr. Desiree Alexander | Virtual |
| May 14, 2021 | Create Your Best Website | Laura Solomon | Virtual |

Dates are subject to change. Please check all emails from Mechell Barrett to confirm dates and your attendance

Trustee Certification Program: Learn more about your responsibilities as a library trustee through the online Trustee Certification Program. Sign up for the program at <http://tsla.libguides.com/stonesriverregion/srrlboards>
After registration, you have one year to complete the ten sessions.

COVID-19 LibGuide: The COVID-19 has a multitude of resources: CDC guidelines, Tennessee guidelines, library policies and procedures, economic resources, resources for responding, self-care and working remotely tips, and virtual meeting videos. <https://tsla.libguides.com/TNCOVID-19/home>

CARES and Tech Grants: Please contact your grant moderator Kate Huddleston at kate.huddleston@tn.gov for any questions or guidance. The deadline for the CARES and Tech Grant is April 30, 2021.

At the Region: The Stones River Region is partially back open. We are going back into the region in shifts. The regional office will be open with one of us at the region on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. We will be working from home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Ingram News: Ingram and many book vendors are having a terrible time with orders due to shutdowns and the pandemic. Please put your orders in ASAP. Many orders are taking up to 4 weeks or longer to be confirmed and reach you library. If you are closing or scaling back to curbside be sure to let Becky know so that she can help monitor your orders and inform you of incoming shipments. Also, let us know if your packing slips have errors or are combined, this is an issue with some vendors.

Regional Board: Please see attachment. This is a year and half away, assuming it passes, so we will plan on continuing as a Regional Board until then. The State Library will also suggest transition possibilities for Regional Board members on the local boards. Some options include Regional Board members filling vacancies on the local board or perhaps expanding the number of members on the local board. Of course, some members are simultaneously Regional and Local board members, so they would follow their local terms afterwards. That's one point of regular confusion across the state that this move will help solve – the roles and relationship between Regional and local board membership. At the moment, I would not recommend appointing new Regional Board members for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, but rather start considering how to structure things for the year after that.



E-Rate: Please let me know if you need any help in applying for e-rate and please note that if fiber is coming to your area you may have to change your form 470. 470 due date February 25th, 471 due March 25th.

Training: Please let me know if you have any training requests for next fiscal year.

Resources: Stones River Regional Library LibGuide: <http://tsla.libguides.com/stonesriverregion>