

Board of Trustees of Charlotte County Library

Board Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Charlotte County Library met on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 3:45 in the Bruce Building. Present were Eleanor Williams (Chair), Martha Brogdon, Ree Cathey, Teresa Osborne, and Maggie Allbee (Librarian). Winnie Morris, Barbara Hamlett, and Jean Elliott were absent.

The minutes for the April meeting and the April financials were approved.

The board suggested having a food truck come to the next Book Sale. Twysted Systers Donuts might be a good fit, as would Richland Dairy if Ann Rice can make that happen.

The board discussed the frequently malfunctioning fire alarm at the Keysville Branch Library. Maggie spoke with the mayor, who told her his maintenance crew was going to look for and install replacement parts, which should fix the issue.

Wylliesburg Branch Library's air conditioning does not keep up well when the weather is warm. The skunk appears to have moved on, possibly to the post office. The mothballs and orange peels must have done the trick. The landlord still has not trimmed back the big bush where the skunks were living. Maggie asked to see a copy of the Wylliesburg lease because she does not have a copy. It was renewed in February 2021.

Phenix Branch Library is doing fine. Ann is working on weeding some of the adult fiction to make room on the shelves. Saturday hours are struggling to catch on at Phenix.

At the Main Library, Maggie is working on weeding some picture books, as well as establishing a teen room upstairs at Bruce. Maggie will reach out to Patrick Andrews at County Maintenance for advice on the carpet removal, floor refinishing, and plaster repair. Maggie will order a rug for Little Bruce, a rug for the biography room, and possibly some furniture for the teen room.

Maggie is working on planning Summer Reading. There was a discussion about local author talks – who to invite and when to have them. Maggie will have two teen employees over the summer to help out with events.

The board also discussed the selection of a rug for the Genealogy Room. Board members found a few that would look nice.

The board retreat this year will be either June 24 or June 25. The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 3:45pm in the Bruce Building.