

Board of Trustees of Charlotte County Library

Board Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2024

The Board of Trustees of the Charlotte County Library met on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 3:45 in the Bruce Building. Present were Ree Cathey, Teresa Osborne, Martha Brogdon, Winnie Morris, and Maggie Allbee (Librarian). Eleanor Williams, Barbara Hamlett, and Jean Elliott were absent.

The minutes from the September 2024 meeting were approved. The financial reports for September 2024 were approved.

The Keysville Branch is doing well. The light bulbs that needed replacement appear to have been replaced with LED bulbs, which should help them last longer. Maggie mentioned the toilet at Keysville is not flushing very strongly, so she will inquire at the town office to see what can be done. The basement windows are still boarded up.

The Wylliesburg Branch has some bulbs out, but Teresa will get them replaced soon. Teresa also took some books to the dump as part of the weeding process. The skunk appears to have moved on, and the hole in the side of the building should be repaired soon. For now, the cinder block plugging up the hole seems to be working. The grass was recently mowed, and weeding will happen soon.

The Phenix Branch has a door handle that still needs replacing, and possibly a new door altogether. Apparently, the exterior door is actually meant to be an interior door. There is an ongoing discussion about putting a sign over the door that says "Library" and possibly painting the door a bright color (perhaps green to match our logo). Winnie brought up a concern about a mural on the building fading in the afternoon sun and needing a lot of maintenance. Maggie mentioned she would like to either add a day to Phenix (Tuesdays) or change its open days to Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Bruce Building roof has been painted. The biography room of the Hoy Building has been repainted. A rug will be purchased as soon as the carpet gets cleaned. Little Bruce needs the floor sealed and a rug for the floor. It will soon fill up with weeded books from Wylliesburg and donated items for the upcoming book sale.

Maggie announced there will be a Spooky Storytime at Keysville on October 30th, and candy for the trick-or-treaters the following day. She also announced the library will have a float in the Keysville and Phenix Christmas parades. The new library website is almost ready, and Maggie is

buying a lot of new books. She recently attended an area library director's meeting at Lynchburg Public Library and the annual library director's conference at the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

There was a long discussion about what to do about Wylliesburg's low usage. Several ideas were proposed: closing it down and having a bookmobile instead, changing its hours, having different programs there, and changing which days of the week it is open. Further discussion may be needed, and several different ideas may need to be implemented to see what can help.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 6th at 3:45 in the Bruce Building. The meeting was adjourned.