

Tuesday, August 21, 2012
noon, May Memorial

PRESENT: MJ Wilkerson, Shirley Beyer, chair, Mary Dingeldein, Carlene Morton, Kitty Hupman, Jo Grimley, Lennie Stout, Carolyn Allen, Mike Cross
Guests: Ben Ansbacher, Anne Cassebaum, Clyde Albright

ABSENT: George Byrd, Sr., Tim Sutton

The meeting was called to order by Shirley Beyer, Chair at 12:00 noon

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anne Cassebaum had an inquiry into how we can say we serve everyone when our policy of not accepting the Matricula Consular as a valid photo id causes a certain population to be excluded. She stated that the policy as it now stands is against what the American Library Association and the North Carolina State Library recommends. She stated that she found it troubling that we are not flexible on this issue.

Ben Ansbacher read a prepared speech. In that speech he said that at the February meeting the Director promised to research this ID, but that he was not aware of any report being received by Board members, because he had not been shown one. He stated that, according to NC GS 20-7 (b4)(8) that the DMV accepts the Matricula Consular id as evidence of residency for drivers license purposes. In addition he stated that the Raleigh consulate issues both passports and Matricula consular cards, requiring the same documents for either document. Mike Cross pointed out that the Director provided a lot of information both pro and con regarding about the id. He also made the point that, when something becomes an issue, staff draws up policies or procedures to handle that issue and then brings it to the Board's attention for a recommendation, but that staff has not brought anything to the board to indicate that there has been a problem with this. Someone suggested that library cards could be issued if the staff was familiar with the person, even if a valid photo id was not available. Several members argued that this would not be a fair policy and would be difficult to maintain.

Jo Grimley moved that we make no change to the current ID policy unless and until the Matricula Consular card is accepted as valid ID by the County Commissioners. Carolyn Allen seconded the motion. It passed with a vote of 6 Board members voting yes and two members voting no.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jo moved that the minutes be accepted and Carlene seconded. The motion passed with corrected spelling of Ben Ansbacher's name.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR:

Staff Development Day is scheduled for Friday, September 21 at Lake Macintosh. We will be sharing our ideas of the role of the Public Library in the community and starting to look at some direction for long term planning. We will also discuss Choosing Civility and which of the practices we feel should be a vital part of our organization.

Staff changes: Becky Peterson has been moved to May Memorial to serve as Branch Manager. Michelle Mills was promoted to Branch Manager of Graham Public Library. Beverly Colling (a

Circulation Assistant II at Mebane) retires August 31. Jazmin Curtin and Emery Lai were hired for a part-time position at Graham. Also at Graham, April Lankford was promoted from a 25 hour position to a 30 hour position. Jessica Hawks left Children's Services at May Memorial in June to take another job, but then was hired at Graham in July in a full-time position. Erin Sapienza was promoted to a full-time position at May Memorial and Wendy Burgess was hired in a part-time position. Both of these positions are with Children's Services at May Memorial. We are trying to find ways to get more people in the library at North Park. Beginning August 20, the hours of operation for North Park are 1:00 - 6:00. They were 3:30 - 8:30. We are also starting a large Learning Garden there, with the help of North Park in Motion.

Library statistics: MJ shared the Service Measures report from fiscal year 2011-2012.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Carlene asked if the library offers a card to groups or institutions. MJ confirmed that there is an Institutional library card available to groups. It was suggested that we offer La Centra de Comunidad an institutional card. This would allow the library to offer library services to undocumented people, but also meet the requirement of having someone with a valid photo id be responsible. MJ will offer this option to Jeremy Ireland.

MJ let Board members know that there was probably going to be an article in the Alamance News this week on the Matricula Consular id issue. Mike suggested that we be ready to address the article by explaining our current policy.

NEW BUSINESS

Fines and Fees Schedule revision:

MJ presented a revised Fines and Fees schedule. The library is going to start circulating eReaders and the schedule was changed to reflect possible fines and fees associated with this service. In addition, a \$3.00 processing fee was added for a new Small Balance Service that has been instituted in an effort to help patrons deal with their overdue materials and fines before they go into collection. The price for AAA batteries and earbuds (both for use with the Playaways) was also added. Mary Dingeldein moved that the new schedule be accepted. Kitty seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously

Nomination of Officers:

MJ reminded Board members that election of new Officers would need to be done at the next meeting in November. There was some discussion that we had decided to make the terms 2 years at the meeting last November. MJ stated that she believed that this would be the second year for current officers.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Board members were reminded that the Board will meet again at May Memorial on November 13, 2012 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT