

# Allegany County Library Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting  
October 12, 2021  
4:00 p.m.

## **PRESENT:**

Deb Hendrickson, Stephanie Marchbank, Renee Kniseley, Bill Bingman, Sue Rudd and John Taube.

**Library Leadership Team:** Lisa McKenney, Andrea Everett, Ali Cline, Laura Deneen

**Location:** The Board meeting was held at the Westernport Library. (Note: a Zoom link was also provided to the public and staff)

The meeting was called to order by Bill Bingman.

A motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting on September 14, 2021 was made by Renee Kniseley, seconded by Sue Rudd and was approved. (Note: Stephanie Marchbank was not yet present for this vote.)

A motion to accept both the statistical report and the financial reports of September 2021 was made by Stephanie Marchbank seconded by Renee Kniseley, and was accepted.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Maryland Public Library's 2022 General Assembly Priorities**

The Maryland Public Library community will pursue three goals in the 2022 session of the General Assembly. The first goal is an increase in the per capita funding for public libraries starting in July 2023. The second goal is a per capita increase in funding for Regional Resource Centers and the State Library Resource Center starting in July 2022. The third goal is a modification of the language of the matching requirements associated with the Maryland Public Library Capital Projects Program. The language modification mirrors the school construction language that allowed Garrett County to lower their match requirements, based on their adjacency to Allegany County. Garrett county is the only county in the state that has not received any library capital grant funding.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Leadership Team Updates**

- Executive Director
- Director of Administrative Services
- Director of Human Resources

- Director of Outreach and Marketing
- Coordinator of Events and Programs
- Coordinator of Branch Services

### **ACLS and COVID 19 (Coronavirus)**

Allegany County remains above the state average in the [7 day moving average case rate per 100,000](#).

We have postponed indoor story times until conditions in the community improve.

### **LaVale Library - Renovation and Expansion Update**

The project remains on schedule, overall. The steel has begun to arrive on site and is being erected as it does. The contractor's most recent progress report shows:

Progress items completed 9-18 thru 10-12 for the Lavale Library

- ductwork in existing building and attic
- interior drywall in existing building
- Started Priming Brick areas
- Installed some window frames and glass
- Installed Aluminum interior door frames
- Completed sprinkler in attic
- Fencing at Retaining wall
- continued plumbing rough in
- Electric rough in

Forecast for next 2 weeks

- Drywall finishing in existing building
- continue Curbing and sidewalks
- window frames
- Erect Structural steel
- Paint Brick
- Install Main Driveway entrance
- Install separation wall in Stormwater pond
- HM door frames

### **Outreach and Events Van Purchase - update**

A purchase order was placed on September 17, 2021 for the outreach and events van. John mentioned he anticipated a March 2022 delivery.

### **WMRL Reorganization - update**

Terry and John sent the letter expressing our concerns to the chair of the Maryland State Library Board on September 30, 2021. Terry and John have been invited to the December 1, 2021 work session regarding the proposed legislation.

### **South Cumberland Library Security Guard - update**

The South Cumberland Library Security Guard started on Tuesday September 21, 2021. Officer John and the library staff have been adjusting and orienting each other on issues and practices. We will continue to monitor this initiative.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPDATES**

Branch Monthly Reports for September 2021

The South Cumberland Library has been switched over to Atlantic Broadband for telephone service for costs and quality of service reasons.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 4PM at the South Cumberland Library.