

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**September 11, 2008**  
**North Orange Branch Library**  
**1211 East Semoran Boulevard**  
**Apopka, Florida 32703**  
**407.835.READ (7323)**

- 08-141 I. **Call to Order**  
Library Board Present: Guy Houk (9/0); Sara Brady (9/2); Ted Maines (3/0)  
  
Library Board Absent: James Tyson (9/2); Mable Butler (6/1)  
  
Administration Present: Mary Anne Hodel; Debbie Moss; Robert Tessier; Carla Fountain; Renae Bennett; Eric Atkinson; Craig Wilkins; Wendi Bost; Kathryn Robinson; Tracy Zampaglione; Milinda Neusaenger

Vice President Houk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- 08-142 II. **Public Comment**  
Members of the public who wish to address the Board must first fill out and present to the Orange County Library System Board of Trustees, a "Notice of Intent to Speak" form. If an electronic form of comments is submitted, these will be made available to the public as part of the Board Minutes. Public comments of items listed on the agenda will occur just prior to the Board's discussion and action of the agenda item. Public comments of items not listed on the agenda will occur at the end of the meeting agenda. Public presentations shall be limited to three (3) minutes. In the event more than ten (10) persons signify their intent to speak, a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes shall be set aside and divided up equally among those registered to speak. The order of speaking among those persons who have filled out the "Notice of Intent to Speak Form" shall be the order in which the forms were received by the Board's Administrative Assistant. "Notice of Intent to Speak" forms will not be accepted after the meeting has been called to order. Information listed on the "Notice of Intent to Speak" forms will be included in the Board Meeting Minutes and thus become public record. The Board shall have the power to extend periods of public comment to address issues of special concern by a majority vote of those Board Members present.

If a request is made for written comments to be included in the official record of this meeting, it is helpful if the requestor is able to provide the comments in an electronic format. However, this is not required. This is to ensure the completion and accuracy of the official record when posted on the Library's website, [www.ocls.info](http://www.ocls.info). For more information, contact Milinda Neusaenger at 407.835.7611 or [neusaenger.milinda@ocls.info](mailto:neusaenger.milinda@ocls.info).

- 08-143 III. **Approval of Minutes: Library Board of Trustees Meeting ~ August 14, 2008**  
Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Maines, moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2008 Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- 08-144 IV. **Staff Presentation: Knowing North Orange: Pamala Wilson & Marilyn John**
- 08-145 V. **Financial Statements and Summaries: August 2008**
- 08-146 VI. **Statistics and Summaries: August 2008**
- 08-147 VII. **Action Items**

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**Approval of FY 2009 Annual Plan of Service**

Trustee Brady, seconded by Trustee Maines, moved to approve the FY 2009 Annual Plan of Service. Motion carried 3-0.

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III. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**

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IX. **Information**

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**Director's Report**

•Orange County Library System has just been informed that we are the recipients of \$120,603 in federal dollars for our proposed project "Citizenship Inspired: Preparing for Naturalization through Collaborative Learning." With the grant funds, we will create a multifaceted learning experience called Citizenship Inspired, which allows users seeking U.S. citizenship to take the required courses, making use of learning and communication methods that best suit their own situation and needs. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in one-on-one learning, learning in groups, live online learning, or self-paced online tutorial learning. Citizenship Inspired seeks to build a community of learners who will work through the series of classes together. The library will use social networking tools to support the continued collaboration of these communities outside of formal learning. The primary outcome is the successful naturalization of participants in its program. This project will provide a model for similar programs in other public libraries across the country.

We are proud of CRC Assistant Manager Chris Gardner whose idea this was. Many thanks to Chris, who will also act as the Project Manager for the grant. And thanks to Debbie Moss, Renae Bennett, Wendi Bost, and Eric Atkinson whose guidance and judgment helped make this a winning proposal.

•Assistant Manager Bobbie Gonzalez has been invited to help judge the Orange County Public School teacher grants applications that will be awarded by the Teacher Grant\$ Program. The foundation awards over \$200,000 to OCPS teachers for supplies, equipment or creative classroom projects. The judging will take place on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Bobbie will be meeting with representatives from The Bond Foundation, Citi-Foundation, Darden Restaurant Foundation, Progress Energy Foundation and Universal Orlando Foundation.

•Director Hodel has been nominated to the Board of Directors of the Florida Humanities Council. The final decision on the slate will be made in the coming weeks. Acceptance to that board is dependent on her agreeing to be present for their approximate four Board meetings a year, which are held in various locations in Central Florida, besides Orlando. Director Hodel has asked if her participation would prevent OCLS from winning any more grants from the Florida Humanities Council and it will not; however, she would need to recuse herself if such a grant for OCLS comes before the Council. If the Library Board concurs, Director Hodel will let their selection process continue. If the Board does not agree with her participation, she will ask that her name be withdrawn from consideration. The Library Board agreed that it was an honor to be nominated and that Director Hodel should participate in the Florida Humanities Council if she is chosen to serve on the Board.

•The First Budget Hearing with the Governing Board went well, the FY 2009 Budget and Millage were tentatively approved. Commissioners Jacobs and Moore-Russell asked that we take a look at groups like homeowner associations that could not afford to pay for meeting room use. Commissioners Brummer & Segal were very laudatory regarding the library. Vice President Houk stated that he and President Tyson attended the hearing and thought everyone was complimentary and that the meeting went well.

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**Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items**

Mark Nolen – Orange County Public School Teacher, Counselor and Coach – spoke regarding his concerns of high school age children accessing adult fiction books at OCLS.

Vice President Houk thanked Mr. Nolen for his comments, his time and effort in addressing the Board. He further stated that the Board will need to gather data and do some research, which will take some time. Vice President Houk asked Staff to gather information for the next Library Board Meeting.

X. **Adjournment**

Vice President Houk adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Next Meeting Dates: October 9, 2008 ~ Orlando Public Library; 101 East Central Boulevard; Orlando, Florida 32801---  
November 13, 2008 ~ Windermere Branch Library; 530 Main Street; Windermere, Florida 34786.**

**If any person desires to appeal any decision with respect to any matter considered at a Library Board of Trustees meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings; for this purpose, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.**

**In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this proceeding due to a disability as defined by ADA may arrange for reasonable accommodations by contacting the Director's Office on the fifth floor of the Main Library in person or by phone at 407.835.7611 at least two days prior to the meeting.**