

**FAUQUIER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 16, 2017**

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
Warrenton Central Library**

Board Members

Felicia Brooks, Vice-Chairman, Scott Dist.
Ann Martella, Center District

Lawrie Parker, Secretary, Lee District
Jonathan Slaton, Marshall District

Staff

Maria Del Rosso, Library Director
Linda Yowell, Support Services Manager

Lisa Pavlock, Public Information Coordinator
Terri Garonzik, Administrative Specialist

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Brooks called the regular session to order at 4:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The board adopted the agenda by consensus.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The board approved by consensus the FY 2018 bills and purchase orders as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mrs. Del Rosso reported that on October 22, historian, author and journalist Marc Leepson spoke about his book *Saving Monticello: The Levy Family's Quest to Rescue the House that Jefferson Built*. Mr. Leepson's program was the last of the 2017 program series Sunday with the Library. The series will continue in 2018.

Mrs. Del Rosso reported that book sales at the Friends of the Library pop-up holiday store at 80 Main Street have been brisk. The Friends will stay at 80 Main Street through December 23. The Book Cellar, the Friends permanent book store, will re-open on January 12.

STATUS REPORT

Warrenton Library

Mrs. Del Rosso reported that \$2.5 million of the \$5 million in private contributions necessary to offset the \$15 million cost of a new Warrenton library has been raised or pledged.

In response to a board of supervisor request for information on how libraries support economic development, Mrs. Del Rosso compiled information received from economic development directors in Henrico, Albemarle and Roanoke counties where public libraries have been recently built. The information was provided to the supervisors at a retreat on November 1. (Copy attached.)

TRUSTEE'S TIME

The board will meet on January 18, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.

Due to an impending move to Colorado, Mr. Slaton announced his resignation as Marshall District representative to the library board, effective December 31, 2017. Marshall District Supervisor Mary Leigh McDaniel will appoint a replacement to fill Mr. Slaton's term which will expire in June 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

Delinquent Patrons

After reviewing the delinquent patron information provided, the board moved:

Motion: to authorize the library director to turn the delinquent patron records over to the county attorney for civil processing. Moved, seconded and passed:

| Member | Moved/Second | Voted No | Other | Voted Yes |
|---------------|--------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Mr. Slaton | M | | | X |
| Mrs. White | | | Absent | |
| Mrs. Parker | | | | X |
| Mrs. Martella | S | | | X |
| Ms. Brooks | | | | X |
| Tally | | | | 4 |

First Night Warrenton

The board moved:

Motion: to approve First Night Warrenton's request to use the John Barton Payne Community Hall as a performance site on Sunday, December 31, from noon to midnight, and to waive the usual reservation fee. Moved, seconded and passed:

| Member | Moved/Second | Voted No | Other | Voted Yes |
|---------------|--------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Mr. Slaton | S | | | X |
| Mrs. White | | | Absent | |
| Mrs. Parker | M | | | X |
| Mrs. Martella | | | | X |
| Ms. Brooks | | | | X |
| Tally | | | | 4 |

NEW BUSINESS**Furniture Purchase**

After discussing a request to replace a broken chair at Bealeton and broken chairs and computer tables at Marshall, the board moved:

Motion: to authorize library staff to use trust funds to replace a broken chair at Bealeton and to purchase chairs and computer carrels for the John Marshall branch library. Moved, seconded and passed:

| Member | Moved/Second | Voted No | Other | Voted Yes |
|---------------|--------------|----------|--------|-----------|
| Mr. Slaton | M | | | X |
| Mrs. White | | | Absent | |
| Mrs. Parker | | | | X |
| Mrs. Martella | S | | | X |
| Ms. Brooks | | | | X |
| Tally | | | | 4 |

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. by consensus.

Secretary

Chairman

The following questions were submitted to the economic development directors of Roanoke, Albemarle and Henrico counties. Each locale built more than one public library within the last five years.

Roanoke County

1) What impact have the new libraries in your community had on the local economy?

Significant impact within the community of 250 square miles. The three new libraries in the County are state of the art and serve citizens, businesses, students and non profit organizations. The greatest impact is related to the library located within the commercial area of the Town of Vinton, Va. The impact of this new library has resulted in numerous new businesses opening within the Town, as well as three redevelopment projects - two historic schools are being redeveloped into multi-family housing, and the former library building is being redeveloped into a restaurant.

2) How have the libraries affected the economic and cultural vitality of the community?

The new library in Vinton has served as the catalyst for extensive new business development, redevelopment and historic revitalization projects. Expansion of the tax base and employment growth, as well as the reuse of underutilized properties has also resulted in a more lively and pedestrian oriented environment. The library has created a sense of community pride and a gathering place for the community. We hold many of our business and community workshops at our public libraries.

3) Have the new libraries helped shape the image of the community?

Yes. The state of the art facilities have generated a new "buzz" in the County (particularly Vinton) and have built community pride. Investments in public infrastructure and high quality facilities communicates this pride to outside investors and sends the message of public sector commitment to serve as a catalyst for growth.

4) Have nearby businesses reported increases in foot traffic or other "halo" effects as a result of having a new library?

I have not heard this, but the business start ups have been significant since the new library opened. New business investment in the Town began immediately.

5) Does your community's economic development or comprehensive plan address the public library and its role in the community?

Yes. All of our plans refer to libraries as important community assets that serve as a catalyst for economic development, and support lifelong learning and research.

6) Any other comment about libraries and economic development?

Libraries are fabulous community and economic development support facilities.

Albemarle County**1) What impact have the new libraries in your community had on the local economy?**

We built a brand new library in a mixed use form, to set the tone for mixed use and urban infill. By all accounts the approach was successful. I could write a book about this project's journey, and it's an important example to emulate – we didn't do much wrong; most would consider this incredibly successful project. A second library project built as a building renovation was also successful, but for different reasons. Each is its own unique case study.

2) How have the libraries affected the economic and cultural vitality of the community?

It actually provides the physical place for social and community interaction. It's a vehicle for community building.

3) Have the new libraries helped shape the image of the community?

Yes, and shone a bright light on the success of local government management.

4) Have nearby businesses reported increases in foot traffic or other “halo” effects as a result of having a new library?

Our library spurred another mixed use building and corporate headquarters for two technology companies

5) Does your community's economic development or comprehensive plan address the public library and its role in the community?

Yes! That was a very important factor in the new library project success

6) Any other comment about libraries and economic development?

It's important to align your goals. Please do consider my offer to share our two case studies with your team. Every community and community project has nuance to consider.

Henrico County**1) What impact have the new libraries in your community had on the local economy?**

The new Libbie Mill and Varina libraries have been incredibly well received by the community in general. The Libbie Mill library is unique as it became a key and integral part of a new mixed use development called Libbie Mill. The developer recognized the value a modern library would bring to the overall development of a walkable, vibrant community which could attract future residents who wanted to walk to services. Both new libraries have 3-D printers which attract business interests; the facilities also serve key business needs and act as a meeting place for the community and the business community.

2) How have the libraries affected the economic and cultural vitality of the community?

Libraries, public safety, schools, parks and recreation, and other public services combine to determine the quality of life in any locality so it's hard to measure in finite terms what the 10 libraries in Henrico County mean. However, the citizens of this county clearly value the integrated role our libraries have created as a resource for students, businesses, and the community at large. I would suggest that the value citizens see in our libraries and other services partly explain why Henrico County recently received a 90+% voter approval in every precinct for a \$420 bond referendum.

3) Have the new libraries helped shape the image of the community?

Yes, there has been incredible community pride as the two new libraries have recently opened. While citizens and businesses are proud of the actual facilities, I believe the library employees have more to do with shaping the image than the buildings themselves. For instance, our library staff spent countless hours helping unemployed citizens fill out job applications and teach what resources were available on-line during the Great Recession. Their willingness to help citizens and business owners is key to the image our libraries enjoy in Henrico County.

4) Have nearby businesses reported increases in foot traffic or other "halo" effects as a result of having a new library?

I don't know the answer to this question. I do know that the Libbie Mill library has seen unprecedented levels of use and that the developer, Gumenick Properties, is pleased with their decision to locate the library within Libbie Mill.