

GERMANTOWN COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD
Tuesday, October 19, 2010, 5:00 P.M.
Germantown Community Library

The Germantown Community Library Board met on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, at the Germantown Community Library. Chairman Tom Cates called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Present: Chairman Tom Cates, John Drinnon, Hillery Efke, Eric Henager, Vince Hughes and Margaret Owens.

Absent: Heslen Jabr.

Staff Present: Community Services Division Director George Brogdon and Library Director Melody Pittman.

Visitor: Don Riley, Friends of the Germantown Community Library Liaison.

CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 MINUTES

A motion was made by Margaret Owens, seconded by Eric Henager, to approve the minutes of September 21, 2010 as distributed. Motion approved.

Chairman Cates recognized Don Riley with the Friends of the Germantown Community Library. Mr. Riley made a report that included "What is the Best Way to Staff the Book Store." He said they had been looking at how to do this for a couple of years. Last spring they formed a committee to address this issue, and as a result of their study, the decision was made to hire an employee. The Friends have contracted with LSSI to handle the employment issues, such as withholding taxes, timesheets, and issuing twice monthly pay checks. Jessica Williams, who will move from her library position to the Book Store, will begin as the Book Store Manager/Volunteer Coordinator on December 8, 2010. Ms. Williams has been working in an interim role with the Book Store for several weeks. According to Mr. Riley, she has done an outstanding job. They are excited about this new approach. They are open 28 hours a week and they appreciate LSSI working with them.

Germantown Community Library Expansion

Chairman Cates recognized George Brogdon who reviewed the timeline for the Germantown Community Library expansion, which was included in the distribution packets to all the members. The pros and cons of the timing and what the anticipations are for this year were discussed. Mr. Cates asked Mr. Brogdon how much this study would cost. Mr. Brogdon informed Mr. Cates because Ron Dubberly is on staff at LSSI, that he and Frank Pezzanite, the president of LSSI, decided they would provide this service free of charge as part of the City's contract with LSSI.

Mr. Cates asked Ms. Pittman why the expansion was needed now, and she mentioned that there are many programs that are hindered because of the lack of program/meeting space. She referred to a recent "How to Pack for Travel" that was limited at 45 people but could have accommodated many more. She also referred to many of the children's programs that really are busting at the seams and have to

take place in the central part of the library and many times unfortunately interfere with others that are there for a quieter session. The focus of the library expansion would be to accommodate children's programs. Mr. Brogdon said staff has done a tremendous job and that is why everyone talks about the Germantown Community Library's children's programs being the best thing about our library. It's because of the staff and the programs, not because of the facility. In fact, many times it's in spite of the facility, but Ms. Pittman and her staff do a phenomenal job working around the restrictions that the facility presents. Ms. Pittman suggested that we attach a value to the LSSI free services for the program analysis for the proposed future library building expansion. Everyone thought that was a good idea and George Brogdon will contact LSSI to receive an estimated value. There was also a question about grants available for library construction. Mr. Brogdon said he is aware of other grants, and in fact was in Nashville on Monday to receive one for the Local Park and Recreation Fund, however he wasn't real up-to-date on grants for libraries but will look into it.

Chairman Cates and Ms. Pittman will develop a list of library needs as well as justification for expansion.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Melody Pittman made a report and talked about the Library Journal Survey of Public Libraries. For Tennessee, in the \$1 million to \$4.9 million dollar budget category, Germantown is ranked third in Tennessee behind Brentwood, first, and Blount County/Maryville, second.

Ms. Pittman presented the director's report which is attached to the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Director's Report
Library Board
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The genealogy club from Arlington's Sam T. Wilson library visited the GRHGC on October 2 to tour and conduct research.

The GHS Spanish Honor's Society presented Spanish Story Time in the Children's area on October 3.

Teens in Theatre presented stories by Edgar Allen Poe in the center of the library on October 10.

Kim Ritchie traveled to Germantown Middle School to instruct two classes of APEX students in the use of NoveList Plus, an online database available on the library's website. NoveList Plus is an online reader's advisory service that helps readers find fiction and nonfiction books based on their interests.

Pat Patterson presented "Packing for Travel" on Thursday, Oct. 7, 7:00 p.m. This program had 40 adults registered with 8 on the waiting list and people continue to call. 46 attended.

The Family History Research Training Program held at the GRHGC and sponsored by the TN GN Society was an overwhelming success with 35-60 participants each of the Thursdays.

The Memphis Symphony's string trio will present music in the center of the library that accompanied the book, *Monkey and Me* by Emily Gravitt, on Saturday, October 9, 11:00 a.m.

Staff has been wearing their Mango Languages shirts on each week during October to advertise our new database. Demonstrations have been offered each week.

Jim Volgas, local Arborist, will present "Pruning Trees & Shrubs" at 6:30 p.m. on October 19.

The Ringling Bros. Clowns will visit the library on Wednesday October 20 at 4:30.

The library will host the October 22 Halloween Dance in partnership with Parks and Recreation at the Pickering Center

The Tennessee Genealogical Society will feature "Let's Discuss It" at the GRHGC on Saturday, October 23.

The Friends of the Library have hired Jessica Williams as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Book Store. She will organize the upcoming Book Sale and will officially begin her post on November 6.

The Library will have a group walking in the Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, October 30.