

MINUTES
Chatham County Library Advisory Committee
September 14, 2023

Members in attendance:

Margaret Goldston; Patty Poe; Leslie Ocampo; Jeanne Marie Patterson; Linda Clarke, Director, Chatham County Libraries

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. The minutes are pending approval.

Director's Report:

For state aid and maintenance of effort, Linda noted that the library must document that local funding is more than the average appropriation for the past three years. The annual amount received for the State Library for 2022-2023 is \$106,052.

There is a public library survey to which all libraries must submit data. It can be accessed at <https://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/services-libraries/resources-library-staff/data-and-evaluation>.

At Goldston, county representatives, Friends of the Library and Goldston mayor Jonathan Hensley met to discuss the children's area construction project. Margaret shared the blueprints, and that ground is scheduled to be broken in spring 2024.

At CCL, a display of 6 jars containing soil representing the lynching of Chatham individuals has become a permanent display in the library. The display was curated in partnership with the Community Remembrance Coalition. The StoryWalk project was recently completed on the campus of CCCC. The intent of the project is to enable families to have fun reading together while exploring the outdoors.

Wren Library is a SNACK! distribution center in the summer months. The program provides enough food for 21 meals per week per child.

Across the system, CHATHAMPASS has seen a 20% increase in the number of students checking out materials with their school identification number since the previous year. There has also been a 77% increase in the number of students using the library's digital materials since the 2021-22 school year.

New Business:

Linda asked for input on a staff suggestion that the library house video games for family nights. The group consensus was that board games would be more appropriate.

Linda announced that the CCL Friends of the Library will hold their annual book sale September 21, 22 & 23. Patty announced that the Wren Friends of the Library will hold their first book sale on October 13 & 14.

Linda announced her retirement from the library, effective December of this year. She mentioned that our committee's presentation to the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for October 16.

The advisory board's next meeting will be December 14 at Chatham Community Library in Pittsboro.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.