

## **Columbia County Library Board Meeting**

January 10, 2024 • 11:30 am

### **In attendance:**

#### **Columbia County Library Board**

- Russell Wilder
- Tripp Calloway
- Dr. Sandra Carraway
- Lindsey Brantley
- Windy Bedingfield, Treasurer
- Barry Paschal

#### **Absent**

- 2 Board positions are currently vacant

#### **Library Staff**

- Mary Lin Maner, GCHRL Library Director
- Devin Morris, Regional Admin Coordinator

#### **Other**

- Allison Couch, District 4 Commissioner
- Glenn Kennedy, Deputy County Manager
- John Luton, Director, Community Services

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am.

### **Approval of Agenda**

November and December 2023 agendas were approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

November and December 2023 minutes were approved.

### **Election of New Officers**

- Dr. Sandra Calloway, Chair
- Lindsey Brantley, Vice Chair
- Windy Bedingfield, Treasurer
- Mary Lin Maner/Devin Morris, Secretary

### **Friends of the Libraries**

- See Friends Treasurer Report.

### **Treasurer Report**

- See Treasurer Report

### **County Library Manager Report**

- See 2023 Year in Review Report.
- The March 12 and April 9 meeting dates needed to be rescheduled due to conflicts.
  - Board all voted in favor to change dates to March 14 and April 18 and to approve the remaining calendar dates as originally scheduled.

A discussion was had on whether the titles that were reconsidered in October 2023 meeting should be reconsidered again since additional guidance was provided by the county during the November 2023 meeting.

Titles:

- *The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta
- *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson
- *True You: A Gender Journey* by Gwen Agna
- *The Rainbow Parade* by Emily Parade

Motion to reconsider the titles again under the new guidance at the February 2024 meeting.

For:

- Dr. Sandra Carraway
- Russell Wilder
- Windy Bedingfield
- Tripp Calloway
- Lindsey Brantley

Against:

- Barry Paschal

Motion approved.

#### **GCHRL Report**

- Lib Tech Grant items have arrived and are being distributed.
- Summer Reading planning has begun.

#### **Book Reconsideration Requests:**

The subcommittee discussed their findings on the books with the rest of the board members. The person who submitted the reconsideration was invited to present their reasoning. The board then discussed and voted on the book.

#### **Subcommittee:**

- Russell Wilder
- Tripp Calloway
- Marlena Bergeron, findings present by Tripp Calloway

*What If It's Us* by Becky Albertalli

Reconsideration submitted by:

Motion to leave book as currently shelved in Young Adult.

For:

- Russell Wilder
- Windy Bedingfield
- Tripp Calloway
- Barry Paschal
- Lindsey Brantley

Abstain:

- Dr. Sandra Carraway

Motion Approved.

*The Real Riley Mayes* by Rachel Elliott

Reconsideration submitted by:

Motion to remove book from library collection.

For:

- Russell Wilder
- Windy Bedingfield
- Barry Paschal
- Lindsey Brantley

Against:

- Tripp Calloway

Abstain

- Dr. Sandra Carraway

Motion approved.

Motion was made by Lindsey Brantley to reconsider *The Real Riley Mayes* by Rachel Elliott again.

For:

- Russell Wilder
- Windy Bedingfield
- Lindsey Brantley
- Tripp Calloway

Against

- Barry Paschal

Abstain

- Dr. Sandra Carraway

Motion approved.

Motion was made to leave book as currently shelved in Juvenile, but recommend to Mary Lin that it be moved to Young Adult.

For:

- Russell Wilder
- Windy Bedingfield
- Lindsey Brantley
- Tripp Calloway

Against:

- Barry Paschal

Abstain:

- Dr. Sandra Carraway

Motion approved.

*Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle* by Nina LaCour

Reconsideration submitted by:

Motion to leave book as currently shelved in Children's Picture Books.

For:

- Russell Wilder
- Windy Bedingfield
- Tripp Calloway
- Barry Paschal
- Lindsey Brantley

Abstain:

- Dr. Sandra Carraway

Motion Approved.

*Simon vs the HOMO Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli

Reconsideration submitted by:

Motion to leave book as currently shelved in Young Adult.

For:

- Russell Wilder
- Windy Bedingfield
- Tripp Calloway
- Barry Paschal
- Lindsey Brantley

Abstain:

- Dr. Sandra Carraway

Motion Approved.

*You Know Me Well* by Nina LaCour

Reconsideration submitted by: Priscilla Bence

Motion was made to move reconsideration discussion to February board meeting, due to other decisions that may have an effect on the outcome of the reconsideration.

**Old New Business carried from December 2023 meeting:**

- Updates to the Reconsideration Form
  - Board all voted in favor to add the following requirements:
    - Titles may only be submitted for reconsideration every 24 months.
    - Only submissions from Columbia County residents will be reviewed.
    - Only titles owned by the Columbia County Library will be reviewed.
  - Board will review and discuss via email on any other changes and vote on final version in February meeting.
- New Requests for Consideration
  - *Our Dining Table* by Mita Ori
    - Priscilla Bence rescinded reconsideration once she was made aware that it was an Adult title.
  - *A Different Kind of Normal* by Abigail Balfe
    - Subcommittee: Dr. Sandra Carraway, Windy Bedingfield, Barry Paschal
  - *Tango: My Childhood Backwards and in High Heels* by Justin Vivian Bond
    - Title is not owned by the Columbia County Library and will not be reconsidered.

- *Jade Fire Gold* by June C. Tan
    - Title is not owned by the Columbia County Library and will not be reconsidered.
  - *Drama* by Raina Telgemier
    - Title was reviewed in September 2022 and has not met time limit restriction to be reconsidered again.
  - *The Great Big Book of Families* by Mary Hoffman
    - Title was reviewed in December 2022 and has not met time limit restriction to be reconsidered again.
  - *Bathe the Cat* by Alice McGinty
    - Title was reviewed in December 2022 and has not met time limit restriction to be reconsidered again.
- A motion was made to change the quorum requirements from 5 members to 4 members, all voted in favor.

**New Business:**

**Requested titles for order for December 2023 & January 2024**

- Board voted in favor to approve all Adult titles for purchase.
- Board is still reviewing Children's and Young Adult titles as library staff continue to look for solutions to provide the information that the board has requested.

**Request to speak:**

- Priscilla Bence

Next meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 11:30 am at the Columbia County Library.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.