

## **Columbia County Library Board Meeting**

January 23, 2025 • 11:30 pm

### **In attendance:**

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

- Dr. Sandra Carraway, Chair
- Windy Bedingfield, Treasurer
- David Davis

#### **Absent**

- Barry Paschal
- Hillary Millar
- Pat Goodwin

#### **Library Staff**

- Keisha Evans, Columbia County Libraries Manager
- Devin Morris, Regional Admin Coordinator

#### **Other**

- Glenn Kennedy, Deputy County Manager
- John Luton, Division Director, Community Services

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Approval of Agenda**

No quorum, January agenda could not be approved.

### **Approval of Minutes**

No quorum, December minutes could not be approved.

### **Introduction of New Board Member**

David Davis appointed by Commissioner Duncan.

### **Introduction of New Columbia County Libraries Manager**

Keisha Evans is the new Columbia County Libraries Manager. Formerly the Grovetown Library Branch Manager and has worked in the field for over 25 years.

### **Friends of the Libraries**

None.

### **Treasurer Report**

- There was a discrepancy between what Edward Jones had on file for the County and what was on the county's W-9 form. This has caused Edward Jones to withhold \$22,000 from one of CD's. The issue has been resolved on the County's side and Windy is in communication with Edward Jones to have the funds moved back into the CD.

### **County Library Manager Report**

- CSRA Brick Con was held at the Columbia County Library and had almost 7000 attendees.
- Harlem Library had another successful Storybook Walk, featuring *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Harlem began offering a new program called Playtime Palooza for ages 0-5, that has been a big hit.
- Grovetown Library has restarted their popular K-Pop Club.

### **GCHRL Report**

None.

### **New Business:**

All new business will be moved to the February meeting since there was no quorum.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Reconsiderations:

- *Teo's Tutu*
  - Per the Commissioner's Guidelines, the title will remain in Children's Picture Books.
- *And Tango Makes Three*
  - Per the Commissioner's Guidelines, the title will remain in Children's Picture Books.
- *Drama*
  - Per the Commissioner's Guidelines, the title will be moved from Juvenile to Middle Ground.
- *The Other Boy*
  - Per the Commissioner's Guidelines, the title will be moved from Middle Ground to Young Adult.
- *Gracefully Grayson*
  - Per the Commissioner's Guidelines, the title will be moved from Middle Ground to Young Adult.
- *Gender Queer*
  - Per the Commissioner's Guidelines, the title will be moved from Graphic Novels to Adult Biography.
- *Flamer*
  - Per the Commissioner's Guidelines, the title will be moved from Graphic Novels to Adult Fiction.
- *Ryan and Avery*
  - Per the Commissioner's Guidelines, the title will remain in Young Adult.

### **Request to speak**

- Marlena Bergeron
- Katherine Cook
- Karin Parham, statement read by Bradley Roemer
- Annie Cook
- Bradley Roemer

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 11:30 am at the Columbia County Library.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.

### Library Staff Review Committee Staff Member Form

This form has been completed by each member of the Library Staff Review Committee for this title.  
Below is the overview of my findings.

<b>Name:</b>	Keisha Evans
<b>Date:</b>	January 16, 2025
<b>Book Title:</b>	Teo's Tutu
<b>Author</b>	Maryann Jacob Macias
<b>Classification Section:</b>	Picture Books Section
<b>Basic Plot Summary:</b>	<p>This story of a boy's first ballet recital celebrates gender-creativity, the joy of dance, and being yourself.</p> <p>Téo loves to dance, whether it's the cumbia with Papí, the bhangra with Amma, or ballet class with Miss Lila. He also loves the way his tutu makes him feel, inside and out. But when it comes time to decide which outfit to wear in the big dance recital--a sparkly tutu or</p>

### Criteria for Consideration

After reviewing the title in full and the specific examples provided by the patron that submitted the Reconsideration Request, these are my findings on the suitability for the title's current catalog location based on the required criteria.

<b>Profanity:</b>	None
<b>Violence:</b>	None
<b>Sexual Content/Sexuality:</b>	The book explores themes of gender expression.

Does the committee find the material suitable for the target age group as currently classified?

Per the County Commissioner's guidelines, it is my professional opinion that this book should remain in the Picture Book section. The book contains no profanity, violence, or content of a sexual nature.

My recommendation to the Library Staff Review Committee:

- A. Retain the material as currently classified
- B. Reclassify the material
- C. Take action to remove the material

Staff Member: Keisha Evans

As of December 31, 2024

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BANK	ACCOUNT NUMBER	11/30/2025 BALANCES	December 2024 Additions	December 2024 Subtractions	12/31/2024 BALANCES
<b>LIBRARY BOARD CHECKING ACCOUNT:</b>						
Reserved for purchase of books	Queensborough		\$ 102.76	\$ -	\$ -	102.76
Reserved for ECGRL	Queensborough		-	-	-	-
Reserved for ops materials & supplies	Queensborough		2,660.00	-	-	2,660.00
Reserved for Harlem Long Memorial	Queensborough		895.00	-	-	895.00
UNRESERVED	Queensborough		366,931.25	5,462.68	(524.86)	371,869.07
			\$ 370,589.01	\$ 5,462.68	\$ (524.86)	\$ 375,526.83
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<b>GENERAL CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT:</b>						
Columbia County Libraries	Edward Jones	CD 1 Matures 3/12/25	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
Columbia County Libraries	Edward Jones	CD 2 Matures 2/28/25	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00
Columbia County Libraries	Edward Jones	CD 3 Matures 12/9/24	92,363.42	-	-	92,363.42
			\$ 292,363.42	\$ -	\$ -	292,363.42
TOTALS			\$ 662,952.43	\$ 5,462.68	\$ (524.86)	\$ 667,890.25
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<b>Name:</b>	Keisha Evans
<b>Date:</b>	January 15, 2025
<b>Book Title:</b>	And Tango Makes Three
<b>Author</b>	Justin Richardson
<b>Classification Section:</b>	Picture Books Section
<b>Basic Plot Summary:</b>	<p>The book is based on a real-life occurrence at New York's Central Park Zoo where two male penguins, Roy and Silo, built a nest and cared for an egg together.</p> <p>At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo got the chance to welcome a baby penguin</p>

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<b>Profanity:</b>	None
<b>Violence:</b>	None
<b>Sexual Content/Sexuality:</b>	None

Does the committee find the material suitable for the target age group as currently classified?

Per the County Commissioner guidelines, it is my professional opinion that this book should remain in the Picture Book section. The book contains no profanity, violence, or content of sexual nature.

My recommendation to the Library Staff Review Committee:

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<b>Name:</b>	Keisha Evans
<b>Date:</b>	January 15, 2025
<b>Book Title:</b>	Drama
<b>Author</b>	Raina Telgemeier
<b>Classification Section:</b>	Graphic Novel Juvenile Section
<b>Basic Plot Summary:</b>	Callie loves theater. And while she would totally try out for her middle school's production of Moon Over Mississippi, she's a terrible singer. Instead she's the set designer for the stage crew, and this year she's determined to create a set worthy of Broadway on a middle-school budget. But how can she, when she doesn't know much about carpentry, ticket sales are down, and the crew members are having trouble working together? Not to mention the onstage AND offstage drama that occurs once the actors are

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<b>Profanity:</b>	None
<b>Violence:</b>	None
<b>Sexual Content/Sexuality:</b>	None



Does the committee find the material suitable for the target age group as currently classified?

Per the County Commissioner guidelines, it is my professional opinion to move this book to the Middle Ground section. Although there is no profanity, violence, or content of sexual nature, I believe the age-appropriate group is 10-14 because of the content discussed.

My recommendation to the Library Staff Review Committee:

- A. Retain the material as currently classified
- B. **Reclassify the material**
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<b>Name:</b>	Keisha Evans
<b>Date:</b>	January 16, 2025
<b>Book Title:</b>	The Other Boy
<b>Author</b>	M.G. Hennessey
<b>Classification Section:</b>	Juvenile Section
<b>Basic Plot Summary:</b>	The Other Boy tells the story of a 12-year-old transgender boy named Shane, who is navigating the complexities of his gender identity while trying to fit in at a new middle school, balancing his passion for baseball, a budding crush, and the challenges of dealing with a family who may not fully understand his transition.

### Criteria for Consideration

After reviewing the title in full and the specific examples provided by the patron that submitted the Reconsideration Request, these are my findings on the suitability for the title's current catalog location based on the required criteria.

<b>Profanity:</b>	Moderate
<b>Violence:</b>	Moderate
<b>Sexual Content/Sexuality:</b>	Mild

Does the committee find the material suitable for the target age group as currently classified?

Per the County Commissioner guidelines, it is my professional opinion to move the selected title, The Other Boy to the Young Adult section. The book is Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual content, language, violence and some drug material.

My recommendation to the Library Staff Review Committee:

- A. Retain the material as currently classified
- B. **Reclassify the material**
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<b>Name:</b>	Keisha Evans
<b>Date:</b>	January 17, 2025
<b>Book Title:</b>	Gracefully Grayson
<b>Author</b>	Polonsky, Ami
<b>Classification Section:</b>	Middle Ground Section
<b>Basic Plot Summary:</b>	"Gracefully Grayson" tells the story of a young transgender boy named Grayson who feels most comfortable identifying as a girl, and decides to audition for the female lead role in his school play, causing conflict with his family and community as he navigates the challenges of expressing his true identity, ultimately leading to a journey of self-acceptance and coming out.

### Criteria for Consideration

After reviewing the title in full and the specific examples provided by the patron that submitted the Reconsideration Request, these are my findings on the suitability for the title's current catalog location based on the required criteria.

<b>Profanity:</b>	None
<b>Violence:</b>	Mild
<b>Sexual Content/Sexuality:</b>	None

Does the committee find the material suitable for the target age group as currently classified?

Per the County Commissioner guidelines, it is my professional opinion to move this title to the Young Adult section. Although there is no profanity, mild violence and no content of sexual nature, I believe this book is suitable for 6th graders and above.

My recommendation to the Library Staff Review Committee:

- A. Retain the material as currently classified
- B. **Reclassify the material**
- C. Take action to remove the material

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<b>Name:</b>	Keisha Evans
<b>Date:</b>	January 18, 2025
<b>Book Title:</b>	Ryan and Avery
<b>Author</b>	David Levithan
<b>Classification Section:</b>	Young Adult Section
<b>Basic Plot Summary:</b>	Ryan and Avery chronicles the first ten dates between two boys, Ryan (with blue hair) and Avery (with pink hair), as they navigate their connection and burgeoning love after meeting at a queer prom, exploring their identities and the complexities of a new relationship through various dates, from a snowy day to meeting parents, all while facing potential challenges and societal pressures

### Criteria for Consideration

After reviewing the title in full and the specific examples provided by the patron that submitted the Reconsideration Request, these are my findings on the suitability for the title's current catalog location based on the required criteria.

<b>Profanity:</b>	Mild
<b>Violence:</b>	Mild
<b>Sexual Content/Sexuality:</b>	Mild

Does the committee find the material suitable for the target age group as currently classified?

Per the County Commissioner guidelines I believe the book, Ryan and Avery should remain in the Young Adult section. The book is dealing with adolescent issues and the level of violence is similar to a PG-13 movie. Sexuality is alluded to or referenced but not depicted or described in explicit detail.

My recommendation to the Library Staff Review Committee:

- A. Retain the material as currently classified
- B. Reclassify the material
- C. Take action to remove the material

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