

Columbia County Library Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 • 11:30 pm

In attendance:

Columbia County Library Board

- Dr. Sandra Carraway, Chair
- Windy Bedingfield, Treasurer
- David Davis
- Pat Goodwin
- Hillary Millar
- Amanda Hulum

Vacant

- District 3

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

The March agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The February minutes were approved.

Introduction of New Board Member

Amanda Hulum appointed by Commissioner Couch.

Friends of the Libraries

See Friends report.

Treasurer Report

- Two CD have matured. The Board voted to give Windy permission to renew the CDs at the highest rate and best terms with Edward Jones.

County Library Manager Report

- Summer Reading planning is coming along.
- AARP Tax Aide program is open select days February 1 – April 15 at the Evans branch.

GCHRL Report

Windy gave an update about the search for a new GCHRL Director.

New Business:

- Election of Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer
 - Chair: David Davis
 - Vice Chair: Hillary Millar
 - Treasurer: Windy Bedingfield
- Request to Change Meeting Day
 - Meetings will remain on Tuesdays to coincide with the quarterly GCHRL meetings.
 - Start time will be moved to 11:45 am or when the GCHRL meeting concludes, whichever is later.
- Confirmation of 2025 Meeting Dates
 - Meetings will be on the second Tuesday of each month, except for April and November. These will occur on the third Tuesday due to conflicts.

Unfinished Business:

- Request for Appeal of Reconsidered Titles
 - The Library Board has reviewed the following Appealed Reconsidered Titles:
 - Teo's Tutu
 - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in Picture books according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
 - And Tango Makes Three
 - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in Picture books according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
 - Ryan and Avery
 - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in the Teen section according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
 - Gracefully Grayson
 - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in the Teen section according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
 - The Other Boy
 - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in the Teen section according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.
 - Drama
 - Board voted to affirm the decision of the Columbia County Libraries Manager; the title will remain in the Middle Ground according to the Commissioners' Guidelines.

Request to speak

- Marlena Bergeron
- Katherine Cook
- Greta Newman
- Karin Parham

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 11:45 am at the Columbia County Library.

Meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

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Evans Branch	
Circulation	
	Mar 2025
Adult Books	11,708
Teen Books	2,729
Juvenile Books	15,220
Middle Ground	111
Music	144
Magazines	0
DVDs	1,629
Audio books	153
State Park Pass	17
KITS	24
Realia	19
Equipment	156
Launchpads	51
Wonderbooks	167
TOTAL	32,128

Grovetown Branch	
Circulation	
	Mar 2025
Adult Books	2,058
Teen Books	864
Juvenile Books	5,241
Middle Ground	23
Music	3
Magazines	20
DVDs	756
Audio books	51
State Park Pass	11
KITS	24
Realia	24
Equipment	13
Launchpads	15
Wonderbooks	0
TOTAL	9103

Harlem Branch	
Circulation	
	Mar 2025
Adult Books	1,066
Teen Books	184
Juvenile Books	2,464
Middle Ground	6
Music	23
Magazines	0
DVDs	903
Audio books	47
State Park Pass	2
KITS	2
Realia	22
Equipment	0
Launchpads	27
Wonderbooks	0
TOTAL	4746

Database Usage	
Libby	
	Feb 2025
Audio books	5,982
E-books	4,333
E-magazines	2,387
Comics	

Hoopla	
Audio books	4,115
Binge Pass	28
Comics	155
E-books	840
Movies	118
Music	63
TV	139

In-House Use	
Adult Reference	8
Adult Circulating	330
Teen Circulating	33
Middle Ground	10
Children's Circ	8
Wonderbooks	4
Launchpads	0
Music	4
Mags/Newspapers	0
AudioBooks	0
DVDs	166
KITS	6
Microfilm	0
Equipment	0

In-House Use	
Adult Reference	0
Adult Circulating	76
Teen Circulating	33
Middle Ground	1
Children's Circ	0
Launchpads	548
Music	0
Mags/Newspapers	0
AudioBooks	0
DVDs	12
KITS	0
Microfilm	0
Equipment	0

In-House Use	
Adult Reference	0
Adult Circulating	18
Teen Circulating	4
Middle Ground	2
Children's Circ	0
Launchpads	340
Music	1
Mags/Newspapers	0
AudioBooks	0
DVDs	27
KITS	0
Microfilm	0
Equipment	0

All Others	
Boundless	
Vidcode	
Galileo	
AtoZ	638
Newsbnk	1124
IndieFlix	2
Qello	2
Transparent Lang	56
Universal Class	1,609
Gale Virtual	
Artists Works	3
Value Line	1044
Weiss Financial	44
NYT	909

Other Usage	
New Patron Registrations	336
Quipu Registrations	41
Public Computer Use	576
Classroom/Theater Wi-Fi	2711
Wi-Fi Logins	3,269
Outside Wi-Fi	239
Voter Registration	0
Reference Questions***	3,286
Total Door Attendance	16,950
Notary	221
Proctors	9

Other Usage	
New Patron Registrations	92
Quipu Registrations	23
Public Computer Use	342
Wi-Fi Logins	
Voter Registration	1
Reference Questions***	3514
Total Door Attendance	3694
Notary	28
Proctors	0

Other Usage	
New Patron Registrations	45
Quipu Registrations	8
Public Computer Use	159
Wi-Fi Logins	318
Voter Registration	0
Reference Questions***	1860
Total Door Attendance	2726
Notary	0
Proctors	1

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