



Monroe County Public Library  
**Library Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Agenda**



**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022  
**Meeting Time:** 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  
**Meeting Location:** Virtual & 3490 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050

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<b>12:00</b>	Call to order & approval of the agenda	Meg Cabot
<b>12:05</b>	Approval of the previous minutes ( <i>See Agenda Packet Item #1</i> )	Meg Cabot
<b>12:10</b>	ARPA grant update	Kimberly Matthews
<b>12:20</b>	BOCC facility needs assessment directive update	Kimberly Matthews
<b>12:30</b>	Next year's schedule ( <i>See Agenda Packet Item #2</i> )	Anne Rice
<b>12:40</b>	Highlight of public service accomplishments	Michael Nelson
<b>12:50</b>	Professional development spotlight	Michael Nelson
<b>1:00</b>	Adjourn	Meg Cabot



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# AGENDA PACKET

## ITEM #1

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** Tue 7/19/2022  
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**Attendees:**

Kimberly Matthews  
Meg Cabot  
Beth Ramsay Vickrey  
Tiffany Moore  
Anne Rice  
Michael Nelson  
Corey Malcom  
Nancy Klingener  
Lisa Booker

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**Minutes:**

<b>12:00</b>	Call to Order & Approval of the Agenda The meeting was called to order and the agenda was approved.	Meg Cabot
<b>12:02</b>	Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes ( <i>See Agenda Packet Item #1</i> ) The Board voted to approve the minutes from the last meeting.	Meg Cabot
<b>12:03</b>	ARPA Grant Update MCPL has met three of the five deliverables. We've received the first	Anne Rice



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of our reimbursements of around \$275K. We just sent two other requests of similar amounts. We've visited the locations for the kiosks in Bernstein Park and in Rowells near Key Largo. We rolled out the PC reservation system. The self-checkout and tablet stations have been delivered last week and are being set up. The main vendor Envisionware will set those up last week. We anticipate the last of the equipment arriving by the grant's deadline of September 30<sup>th</sup>.

- 12:07** Dr. Corey Malcom, Florida Keys History Center Lead Historian Anne Rice  
The Lead Historian for the Florida Keys History Center has started, Dr. Corey Malcom. As a long-time resident, he has been the Research Director at the Mel Fisher Museum. He has some great ideas for the FKHC and has begun entering information into a database as well as getting out into the public. He recently spoke to a group of twenty-five students and other requests are coming in. A few of his goals include having programs in each of the branches, seeing what items in branches can be taken care of by the FKHC, supporting the local school's local history programs, among other things.
- 12:14** New MCPL Community Affairs Manager Michael Nelson  
The new Community Affairs Manager, Nancy Klingener, will officially start on August 1st. Another long-time resident who has worked a journalist, for the MCPL, and has worked for the local NPR station. She will be the hub for our press, social media, and marketing efforts. She wants everyone in the Keys to know what we have available and to make important connections within the county.
- 12:19** Highlight of Public Service Accomplishments Michael Nelson  
Key West: The Summer Reading Program began using the theme "Ocean of Possibilities." The Key West Aquarium came to that branch with a presentation showing fossils. Programs included the Musician Steve Weeks, puppet shows, and others.  
Big Pine: Animals from the local farm went to four of the branches. Florida State Parks, Mote Marine, and other organizations held programs.  
Marathon: The branches were able to offer a free day pass to any state part. This branch held a Monarch Butterfly Gardener event, MSCO K9 Story Time, and the kids painted temporary paint for oceans of possibilities. Patrons can check out laptops for a couple of hours.  
Islamorada: The Croc Doc arrived in June with baby crocs, there was a program to dissect an owl pellet to see what one can learn from the pellets. The Island Dolphin Care touch tank held a program. There were many great prizes for summer reading.



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Key Largo: In addition to several programs, mobile printing is now available thanks to the ARPA grant in this and the other branches.

- 12:24** Professional Development Spotlight: Freedom to Read, Patron Privacy, Reader's Bill of Rights. Michael discussed this topic by starting with the exact wording of the American Library Association Readers Bill of Rights which states patrons have a right to privacy and libraries should advocate for patron privacy. Florida Statutes §119.7(1) states we must protect patron data. We do not keep a reading history unless the patron requests it.

Michael Nelson

He also discussed the freedom to read located here.

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/freedomreadstatement>

Its language states this freedom to read is essential to our democracy.

- 12:29** Recent Library Materials Challenges  
Book Challenge #1: MCPL had its first book challenge. Per our policy, the reconsideration committee met to discuss whether the title met the standard to be either reclassified or removed from the shelves. The three options the library proposes to be taken at the end of the layers of review are for the library materials to either (1) stay, (2) be reclassified, or (3) be removed. This committee consisted of four Branch Managers, the Catalog Manager, and the Assistant Director. Their recommendation was sent to the Library Director and the decision was reached that the title was appropriate to be shelved at the library and that it was appropriately shelved in the appropriate area. The book was the Children's area. This is the same location that libraries shelve this book. This information was relayed to the patron who has not responded. Should the patron respond asking for further review, the next staff members involved will be the Library Director, Asst Director of Public Services, and Library Advisory Board Chairperson in a public meeting at the library headquarters.

Kimberly Matthews

Book Challenge #2: A patron checked out a title in Key West of a "controversial material" and took it to Marathon and is being circulated among a group. They have not returned the material and this is cataloged as an adult item. This title is a memoir of the author.

Instances of Titles Being Removed: We are encountering instances of theft of "controversial" titles. We are reviewing the locations where library security cameras are mounted to catch these instances as they occur.



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- 12:46** The Updated MCPL Policy Manual Received BOCC Approval  
The BOCC approved the updated MCPL Policy Manual during the April BOCC meeting. The county attorneys are creating the county ordinances that will be all advisory groups they are aligning the terms of the appointees with the commissioners.  
Kimberly Matthews
- 12:49** Adjourn  
Meg Cabot



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**AGENDA PACKET  
ITEM #2  
NEXT YEAR'S SCHEDULE**

The Library Advisory Board meets quarterly on the third Tuesday at noon. In 2023, those dates will be:

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Tuesday, October 17, 2023