

**Town of Howey-in-the-Hills Library Board Meeting  
Marianne Beck Memorial Library  
112 W. Central Ave**

**Date:** September 2, 2021

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

**Attendance:** Chairperson Jim Steele, Tahsia O'Keefe, Marcia Schneider, Library Director Tara Hall; from the community Dennis Hall, and Vicki Steele

**Minutes:** The minutes of August 5, 2021 were read. One correction to Gwendolyn McIlvaine's name. Gwendolyn's maiden name was used and was corrected. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected made by Tahsia O'Keefe and seconded by Marcia Schneider. Motion passed.

**Director's Report:** See Attached Report

**New Business:**

Director Hall announced a goal of creating a collection of books/media to meet the curriculum needs for home school students that would be shelved and open to all. The goal is 100 books. There are approximately 3,000 home school students in Lake County. Friends of the Library will be asked for assistance.

Fall programming will include the following:

Chef Warren Caterson presenting 10 Meals in 10 Minutes. He will also be presenting in January 2022 with a topic yet to be determined.

The Lake County Agricultural Center will be presenting a program in January 2022 on tree planting in Florida. And in February will present Common Garden Questions. In March they will present Plantings for Butterflies.

Story time will resume in October.

A virtual or in-person program is being planned from Ocearch which is a non-profit shark tracker and shark study organization.

Director Hall contacted Kristine Trevett about a program on "worm farming".

Fran Wagler is heading the Christmas Events. Friends of the Library will do the Giving Tree. Friday evening events will held on the Central Plaza instead of at the Lake. Vicki Steele will have a Santa Storytime. Tashia O'Keefe has planned a scavenger hunt.

**Old Business:**

Discussion and revue of the regulations for reserving the LEC room(s) was continued. A draft for approval is to be voted on at the next Board meeting. Marcia Schneider, Secretary is to have the draft ready for a final reading. The information from Sean O'Keefe, Howey Town Administrator, and a review of the Leesburg Library Room use Agreement as well as the Orange County Library Policies were used as guidelines..

**Public Comments:** Questions answered during the meeting regarding what entities would be appropriate for using the room. These would include local community and non-profits, businesses for noncommercial use such as training. Private parties such as wedding showers etc. are appropriate as this is not a party center. There will not be fees charged unless extra cleaning after an event is needed. A responsible person will have to sign the room use agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

*Marcia Schneider*

Marcia Schneider, Secretary  
(electronically signed)