

# WARREN COUNTY LIBRARY

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## Regular Session – May 23, 2019

The Warren County Library Commission met in regular session at 6:15 p.m. on May 23, 2019 in the Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch at 4 Lambert Road, Blairstown, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Alice Mollitor and upon roll call, the following members were present:

Present:	Alice Mollitor	Marilyn Barone
	Henry Newbold	Patricia Rokosz

### Administration:

Jill Butcher, Assistant Director  
Meryl Barny-McGinley, Administrative Secretary

### Guest/Public:

Approximately 15-20 citizens of Hackettstown, NJ  
The spokesperson of the group was David White  
74 Petersburg Road, Hackettstown; Phone: 908-878-9135

Chairperson Alice Mollitor stated that notice of the meeting had been properly advertised in the *Star-Ledger* and the *Daily Record*, and a notice had been sent to the Warren County Clerk's Office.

### Minutes

On motion by Mr. Newbold, seconded by Ms. Rutledge, the Minutes of the April 25, 2019 regular session, were approved, motion carried unanimously.

**Communications – None**

**Public Comment** – There was a group of approximately 15-20 people that attended the meeting in opposition to a program being held at the Northeast Branch on June 15.

Mr. David White, as spokesperson for the group, spoke first declaring that they all disapproved of the program entitled Drag Queen Story Hour. This program was advertised for children 3 and up and they felt strongly that this was inappropriate for any child regardless of their age. Numerous others in the group spoke stating that they wanted the program canceled. They said they did not approve of the Library paying for such an event and said they would not continue to patronize the library and bring their children there if the event were not canceled. One member stated that if the event were not cancelled the Library would be dragged through the mud.

Jill Butcher, Assistant Director explained that different programs are done each month to observe different things, i.e., Black History Month, Women’s History Month, etc., and that this event was being done to observe Pride Month. The purpose is to expose the community to differences, and try to gain acceptance amongst differing communities. It was also stated that the Library was not paying for this event. The event was being funded by a “Friends of the Library” group.

Ms. Mollitor advised the group that their concerns would be taken into serious consideration and someone would contact Mr. White as the spokesperson, in about a week, to discuss their decision.

At this time the public group exited the meeting room.

Once the group exited the room, the Commission members discussed the event and the situation on a whole taking into consideration the age group the program was intended. Ms. Rokosz made a motion to cancel the event; Ms. Mollitor agreed and seconded the motion as did Mr. Newbold. Ms. Barone had some reservations, and abstained from voting.

**Old Business** - None

**Director’s Report** –

Please see attached Directors Report dated May 2019.

**New Business** - None.

**Closing Public Comment** - None.

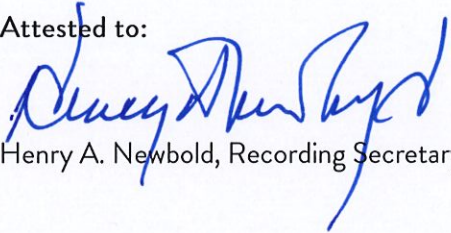
Executive Session – An Executive Session was held prior to the regular session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, on motion of Ms. Mollitor, seconded by Mr. Newbold, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Northeast Branch.

Attested to:



Henry A. Newbold, Recording Secretary

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## Directors Report – May 2019

I attended an inaugural meeting with Sussex County, Sparta, Hunterdon County, and MAIN (Morris Automated Information Network) to explore greater cooperation and sharing of services.

The purpose was to explore how we could reduce costs and develop a closer relationship through shared services. We are starting small by looking at possible cost savings of some databases by negotiating with vendors as a larger entity and implementing some staff development events.

We started a discussion about reciprocal borrowing between Hackettstown Library (which is now part of MAIN) and Warren County. Hackettstown and MAIN currently extend borrowing privileges to our members. We currently extend borrowing privileges to MAIN but exclude Hackettstown. A separate meeting is scheduled in July to continue the discussion.

Kelly Durkin and I met with the CDH Trustees to show them the plans for the renovation and expansion of the branch. The building plans are set at this point. However, we are still working on the furniture layout. I have been given the OK to allow Library Interiors to create an alternative floor plan.

I attended a workshop at the Manville Library on Library Sustainability. Listed below are the links to related information about the library sustainability initiative in NY State and the ALA statement on Sustainability. I will be talking about this with our management team as a possible initiative for our library system and bring it to the Commission next month for discussion and feedback.

### New York State Sustainability

- <https://www.ny.gov/programs/sustainable-development-collaborative-governance>

### New Jersey Sustainability

- <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/nc/events-trainings/>
- [http://www.sustainablejersey.com/fileadmin/media/Media\\_Publications/Sustainable\\_Jersey\\_Heroes/2018/November\\_2018\\_Sustainability\\_Hero\\_Tara\\_Tim\\_Kenyon.pdf](http://www.sustainablejersey.com/fileadmin/media/Media_Publications/Sustainable_Jersey_Heroes/2018/November_2018_Sustainability_Hero_Tara_Tim_Kenyon.pdf)
- <https://rucore.libraries.rutgers.edu/rutgers-lib/42923/>
- <https://sustainable.camdencounty.com/>
- [http://www.sustainablejersey.com/media-communications/news-single-view/?tx\\_news\\_pi1%5Bnews%5D=349&tx\\_news\\_pi1%5Bcontroller%5D=News&tx\\_news\\_pi1%5Baction%5D=detail&cHash=bdb8bfa263ba38af53691c7a7714c8e7](http://www.sustainablejersey.com/media-communications/news-single-view/?tx_news_pi1%5Bnews%5D=349&tx_news_pi1%5Bcontroller%5D=News&tx_news_pi1%5Baction%5D=detail&cHash=bdb8bfa263ba38af53691c7a7714c8e7)
- <http://www.sustainablejersey.com/grants-resources/>

**New Jersey Library Sustainability**

- <http://registry.njsbdc.com/business-profile/513/896/princeton-public-library>

**New York Library Association**

- [https://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS\\_Document&DocID=1771&MenuKey=SI](https://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=1771&MenuKey=SI)

**American Libraries: Sustainability**

- <https://libguides.ala.org/SustainableLibraries/sustainability>
- <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/libraries-and-sustainable-thinking/>
- <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/sustainability-public-libraries/>
- <http://sustainablelibraries.org/>
- [http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council\\_documents/2019\\_ms\\_council\\_docs/ALA%20CD%2037%20RESOLUTION%20FOR%20THE%20ADOPTION%20OF%20SUSTAINABILITY%20AS%20A%20CORE%20VALUE%20OF%20LIBRARIANSHIP\\_Final1182019.pdf](http://www.ala.org/aboutala/sites/ala.org.aboutala/files/content/governance/council/council_documents/2019_ms_council_docs/ALA%20CD%2037%20RESOLUTION%20FOR%20THE%20ADOPTION%20OF%20SUSTAINABILITY%20AS%20A%20CORE%20VALUE%20OF%20LIBRARIANSHIP_Final1182019.pdf)



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