



ALLENDALE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 5:00 PM

Allendale County Library

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting was called to order at approximately 5:00 p.m. by the chair, Frances Chavous. Trustees in attendance were Frances Chavous, Chairman, Artheen Fitts, Charles Carson, Louis Mitchell, Sarah Burgess, and LaRainia Carter. Abigail Barna-Ashley was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 1, 2024, meeting minutes were approved on a motion made by Trustee Fitts and seconded by Trustee Mitchell. No trustees were opposed to the approval of the minutes.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Branch Manager's Report was presented by Abigail Barna-Ashley. She reported smooth operations at the Allendale County Library, highlighting successful December programs and initiatives taking place during regular programming for January and February.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Interim Director's Report was presented by Abigail Barna-Ashley: She provided updates on biannual staff trainings, staff events, annual state survey completion, and financial reporting, noting a return to pre-COVID patron numbers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hoopla – Abigail Barna-Ashley introduced Hoopla, a streaming service offering television, movies, audiobooks, eBooks, and music accessible with an active library card to benefit community members who cannot afford commercial streaming services. Abigail Barna-Ashley reported that Hoopla was launched to AHJ patrons beginning January 1, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

Budget and Appropriations – Discussion on Allendale County Library Budget and County Appropriations. Trustees reviewed the status of county and state funding, highlighted the lack of additional funds for staff hires, concerns regarding delayed county payments and building maintenance issues such as non-functioning air conditioning, and emphasized the need for advocating for future budgetary flexibility.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Abigail Barna-Ashley, Deputy Director
March 18, 2025