

MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Minutes of the Library Advisory Board  
Big Pine Library  
April 22, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Monroe County Library Board was called to order at 10:32 a.m. by Chair Michael Shields. Present were Board members Stephanie Griffiths, Elizabeth Jolin, George McHugh, and Susan Bishop Miller.

Participants included (alphabetically) Manager of Technical Services, Juana Careaga, Big Pine Branch Manager, Stephen Chambers, District One County Commissioner, Danny Kolhage, and Director of Libraries, Norma Kula.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Participants briefly introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for the February 25, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- The Board congratulated Director of Libraries, Norma Kula for her 30 years of dedicated service with the library.
- Director of Libraries, Norma Kula shared a news article from CNN titled “Libraries are dying? Think again” in observance of National Library Week.  
<http://www.cnn.com/2014/04/14/travel/irpt-library-fascination-travel/> Also shared was an article from the American Library Association regarding the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) House Budget Committee chair Paul Ryan’s proposal that could result in cutting millions in grants to libraries around the country.
- Chair Michael Shields shared an article from the American Library Association Magazine title “Public Libraries.”

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Acceptance of the Ocean Reef annual donation of \$10,000.00 for the Key Largo branch was moved by George McHugh and seconded by Stephanie Griffiths. The motion was unanimously approved.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

- Director of Libraries, Norma Kula reported on the budget line items and shared the BOCC budget calendar for fiscal year 2015.
- Chair, Michael Shields reported on the Friends group for the Key West branch.
- Board member George McHugh reported on the Friends group for the Key Largo branch. He also discussed a county-wide friends meeting.

- Board member Susan Bishop Miller reported on the Friends group for the Big Pine branch.
- Board member Elizabeth Jolin reported on the Friends group for the Islamorada branch.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am. The next meeting will be the June 24, 2014 at the Key West Library. Commissioner Carruthers in on rotation to attend.

Respectfully submitted,