

## **Newport Library Board Meeting**

**March 11, 2015**

**Present:** Ted Smith, Gretchen Havner, Autumn Belloni, Carol Ruggeri, Evonne Mochon-Collura, Sharon Beardsley, Wendy Engler, Alice MacGougan (recorder)

**Meeting called to order at 5:18**

**Minutes from the January 14<sup>th</sup> meeting approved.**

### **Librarian's Report**

Smith briefly summarized his report, noting that the carpet upstairs has yet to be replaced and that he and the other Oceanbooks directors met with representatives from companies providing RFID technology to libraries. Additionally, the new Newport HR Manager hopes to conduct a salary survey that will result in updated job descriptions for city employees and perhaps higher remuneration for library employees. The Ford Foundation check was received.

### **Wireless Excesses**

Newport's IT manager informed Smith that some of the most visited sites on the city's wifi are those that stream video content and thus use a lot of bandwidth. The library's patrons are responsible for the majority of the bandwidth used in this manner and may be impinging on others' usage. Smith asked for the Board's input on possibly limiting access to specific video streaming sites in order to provide more equitable wifi to all people using the city's wifi. After some discussion, board members approved the proposal.

### **Censorship**

There was recently a challenge made against the film "Towelhead" that is owned by the library. Smith declined to remove the item from the collection, citing the directives listed in the Newport Library's Collection Development Policy. The patron who initiated the challenge was invited to the board meeting to plead his case for removing the film, but the patron did not respond. Board members reviewed the policy together and asked Smith several questions relating to minors and library materials.

### **Adoption of American Library Association Statements**

Smith asked the board to adopt four statements written by the American Library Association, which included the "Library Bill of Rights," "Freedom to Read," "Freedom to View," and "Statement on Labeling." Belloni moved to adopt the statements and Havner seconded. Motion passed. The statements are now in the library's policy manual under Appendix E.

### **Policy Changes**

Because of the new conference room, the meeting room policies needed to be changed to reflect the addition. It was also recently noted that the policy's language requiring proof of identification in order to get a library card could be made clearer, so Smith made the appropriate alterations. Beardsley moved to accept the changes made to the policies and Mochon-Collura seconded.

**The next meeting will take place May 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**Meeting adjourned at 5:51**