

MEETING MINUTES – March 13, 2006
Kent County, MD Public Library Board of Trustees

Introduction

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Kent County Public Library was convened on 3/13/2006 in the Yellow Building at 3:15PM.

In attendance were Jerry Keiser and all board members. The minutes of the prior meeting of 2/21/2006 were presented and discussed.

President's Comments

Rebecca Taylor commented on her prior experience with suggestion boxes. She also relayed comments and suggestions from the Shared Opportunity Services with whom she also works.

Friends of the Library

The Friends were represented by Mr. Al Copeland who attended part of the meeting.

Spanish Collection

The possible merits of building a collection of books in Spanish was discussed. It was noted that this had been done several years ago at KCPL, but that the materials had not proven popular enough to maintain the collection and it was discontinued.

Suggestion Boxes

In our ongoing efforts to solicit public input, Jerry Keiser has purchased suggestion boxes for all 3 branches. They will be prominently placed near the circulation desks.

Glena Branch

The progress toward opening the new branch was discussed, including financial support offered by the County Commissioners and the Friends of the Library.

Letter from Patron

An anonymous letter was received and read to the board by a patron who feels fines should not be imposed on overdue materials. The history of our fines policy was discussed. It was noted that virtually all other public libraries have a similar policy. Overdue fines have added \$9,500 to our revenue year to date.

Circulation Report

The circulation report for February was discussed. Possible reasons for the month's apparent decline vs. prior year were discussed and will be the subject of further study. A

“door counter” has been installed to provide an additional indicator of the extent to which library services are used.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held April 10, 2006. The June Board meeting has been changed to the 26th.