TRUSTEES PRESENT

President Brian LaFontaine (Albemarle)  
Mary Coy (Nelson)  
Jane B. Kulow (Albemarle)  
Carla Mullen (Charlottesville)  
Vice President Faye Rosenthal (Louisa)  
Gary Grant (Albemarle)  
Peter McIntosh (Charlottesville)  

TRUSTEES ABSENT

Stephen Walls Mathis (Greene)  
Tamyra Turner (Charlottesville)  

OTHERS PRESENT

John Halliday, Library Director  
Donna Lee Grossman, Assistant to the Lib. Dir.  
Edward Brooks, Library Patron  
Chris Callahan, WINA Radio  
William Lyons, Business Manager  
Ginny Reese, Staff Recorder/Greene Mgr.  
Roger Adams, Library Patron  
Shawn Hirabayashi, Administration

The regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library’s (JMRL) Board of Trustees was held on Monday, June 23, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Central Library’s Administrative Office (201 E. Market St., Charlottesville, VA), President LaFontaine being in the chair. Trustee McIntosh made a motion for approval of the May 19, 2014 Minutes and Trustee Coy seconded. The May 19, 2014 Minutes were approved as presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Adams disagreed profoundly with JMRL’s new cellphone use policy. He had no strong feelings about the new food policy. He felt a survey of patrons should have been conducted and encouraged the Board to postpone the policy until such a survey had been done. Edward Brooks agreed with Mr. Adams’ position. He encouraged the Board to decide what value they would give the push back he was sure would come and what it would take to change the policy. President LaFontaine thanked the gentlemen for their comments. Director Halliday passed around sheets of stationery that Abigail Harris had prepared and asked the Trustees to initial next to the ones they preferred.

DEMONSTRATION OF TUMBLEBOOKS DATABASE

Director Halliday announced that the demonstration was postponed until the next Board meeting.

REVIEW OF FINES AND FEES

Director Halliday passed around a draft of the Circulation Policies (Section 4:225). He noted that there were no changes other than the effective date. Trustee Grant made a motion that the Circulation Policies be adopted as presented. Trustee Kulow seconded the motion. The motion was approved without opposition.

BUDGET UPDATE AND ADOPTION OF FY2015 LIBRARY BUDGET

Director Halliday gave the update as Business Manager Lyons passed out copies of the Projected Operating Revenues FY2015, the Projected Cost Allocation FY 2015, and the Equipment Fund Budget FY 2015. Director Halliday noted that the proposed budget represented the greatest increase since 2008 and indicated that we may be finally coming out of the great recession. Good news about the budget is that it includes funding for additional staff for Northside, extra hours for Crozet, and Sunday hours for Louisa. Director Halliday and President LaFontaine reported on their meeting with the City staff and City Actuary. They handed out copies of the City’s Cost Projections for the defined benefit retirement plan for the Library. There was much discussion about the increase in the retirement rate from 27.4% to 36.9%, which was summarized by Trustee Kulow as having two parts: 1) the Board needs better communication from the City, and 2) the Board needs more effective counsel from the City. President LaFontaine proposed that the City’s representatives come to the next Board meeting to make a presentation about these issues and answer any questions. There was consensus that this be done. Trustee McIntosh made a motion to adopt the FY2015 Budget as presented. Trustee Grant seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition. Trustee McIntosh made a motion to adopt the FY2015 Equipment Budget as presented. Trustee Kulow seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.
ELECTION OF FY2015 LIBRARY BOARD OFFICERS
Trustee Kulow made a motion that the Board approve the nominations of current President Brian LaFontaine to be next year’s President and Trustee Mary Coy to be next year’s Vice President. Trustee McIntosh seconded the motion. No other candidates were brought forth. The motion passed without opposition.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
• JMRL is ready to implement the new cellphone and food policy. Most patrons are in a “wait and see” attitude. Director Halliday reminded everyone that library policies are not permanent and if this one does not work out, it can be changed. Trustee Coy wondered if more shouldn’t be done to publicize the fact that the policy is a response to patron demands.
• The Northside Library is on schedule for its January 2015 opening and a hard hat tour is being arranged for Trustees.
• The Gordon Avenue Library needs a new HVAC system. It shouldn’t require more than a couple of weeks of work, however, it would disrupt the Friends of the Library Booksale, so Director Halliday is exploring putting off the work until after the sale.
• The new restrooms at the Central Library are finished and look very nice.
• The Books on Bikes program surpassed their Kickstarter goal of $5,000 and is ready to deliver books to underserved children.
• There is a new program with the Virginia Discovery Museum in which patrons can use their JMRL cards to get a free pass to the museum.
• Director Halliday and Central Library Circulation Manager Tiffany Duck will be going to the American Library Association conference at which JMRL will receive a “surprise” award.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
A report on the results of the Policy Committee meeting that will follow the Library Board meeting. A presentation from the City Actuary and others (perhaps Galloway Beck, City of Charlottesville Director of Human Resources) regarding the change in retirement rates. The demonstration of the Tumblebooks Database by Reference Librarian Erica Younglove.

PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT
Trustee Kulow made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mullen seconded. The motion passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Brian LaFontaine, President