The regular monthly meeting of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library’s (JMRL) Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 26, 2015, at 1:03 p.m. in the Jefferson Room of the Central Library (201 E. Market St., 3rd Floor, Charlottesville, VA), President LaFontaine being in the chair. Trustee Grant made a motion for the approval of the December 22, 2014 Minutes and Trustee McIntosh seconded. The December 22, 2014 Minutes were approved as presented without opposition. Trustees Mathis and Mullen arrived after the vote took place.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS
There were none.

LIBRARY STAFF REPORTS
- Abigail Harris was absent. In her place Director Halliday passed around the “Beyond the Books” catalogue that Abby created. It consolidates all of JMRL’s programs, classes, and events in the spring of 2015. Another catalogue will be created for the summer. The initial print was 2,000 copies. There is also an on-line version.
- Hayley Tartaglino Tompkins passed around information regarding “Created Equal,” a film-based discussion series on civil rights. Funded by a grant from the NEH, each of 4 evenings has a 30 minute film followed by an expert-led discussion.
- Leigh Mantle discussed JMRL’s Winter Reading Program which is designed to support early literacy. Centered on “Curious George” the program encourages parents to read, talk, sing, write, and play every day with their children. Participation can result in a free book for the child.
- Sarah Hamfeldt discussed Book Club Kits and The Big Read. JMRL has created 10 bags (each with ten books and a reader’s guide) that can be checked out by book clubs. Ms. Hamfeldt passed out copies of “The Namesake” by Jhumpa Lahiri, the selection for The Big Read for this year. The inaugural event will be at 2:00 pm on February 28 at the Charlottesville Pavilion. The proposed book for next year’s Big Read is “The Heart is a Lonely Hunter” by Carson McCullers.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED FY2016 LIBRARY BUDGET
Director Halliday stated that there had been meetings with all jurisdictions regarding the proposed budget except for Louisa, who felt a meeting wasn’t necessary. The general response from all jurisdictions is positive. Albemarle will release their budget on February 19 with a public meeting to follow on February 23. Charlottesville will release their budget on March 2. The other jurisdictions have not yet announced the release of their budgets.

Regarding this year’s budget Director Halliday explained that due to the delayed opening of the new Northside Library there was an overage in the FY2015 budget of $65,055. At the same time, Albemarle County had underestimated the cost of telephones and technology for the new Northside Library by $40,121. Accordingly, Vice President Coy, as chair of the Budget/Finance Committee, made the following motion:
Realizing the FY2015 operational costs for the new Northside Library, based on a projected opening of November 2014, were overestimated by $65,055 while the technology costs were underestimated by $40,131, the Library Administration is authorized to use $40,121 of operational funds for technology costs at the new Northside Library. The remaining balance of $24,934 is to be carried over into FY2016 with $20,840 dedicated to Albemarle County library services and $4,094 dedicated to City of Charlottesville library services.

The motion was seconded by Trustee McIntosh. After discussion the motion was approved as presented with no opposition. After the vote Vice President Coy left the meeting.

POLICY COMMITTEE’S REPORT
Director Halliday passed copies of the proposed changes to JMRL Policy: Section 4.225 (“Circulation Policies”) and the new JMRL Policy: Section 5.7 (“Library Audio-Visual Equipment Use”). The changes to the former involve the new Book Club Kits that Ms. Hamfeldt discussed. The policies will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE’S REPORT
Trustee Rosenthal reported on the committee’s exploration of the concerns that Emerald Young brought up at the December Board Meeting -- the potential negative effects of WiFi particularly on children. To date they have discovered little documentation to support Ms. Young’s concern, but they will continue their examination, including making sure that JMRL is in compliance with all governmental regulations and/or guidelines. The committee also reviewed the current Technology Plan and is pleased that many of the objectives have been met.

DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY BOARD MEETING DAYS/TIMES
It was agreed by consensus that the Personnel and Policy Committees will review the current meeting days and times and will come up with proposals regarding whether or not to change them, and if so, what to. It was agreed that any proposed changes would only be adopted in the new fiscal year. In a related issue Trustee Grant proposed that the Board create a policy requiring that it meet at least once in each branch every fiscal year. It was agreed by consensus that the Policy Committee will review the idea and present a proposal to the Board – this will be at the Board Meeting in March as the committee will not meet again until after the Board Meeting in February.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT
• Director Halliday presented the “mending” statistics – the number of items returned to circulation because they were repaired by volunteers. This past year there were 5,488 items mended at an estimated value of $109,760. Of particular note is the contribution of Melissa Dickens.
• The newly formed Friends of the Library (FOL) Advocacy Committee sent a letter signed by Fran Feigert (President of FOL) and President LaFontaine to Delegate Steve Landis requesting more state aid for JMRL. Trustee McIntosh added that the FOL Advocacy Committee will also explore creating online resources for library users to engage in advocacy on behalf of JMRL.
• The new Northside Library is scheduled to open March 16 or 17. The move will begin March 2nd, with the old branch closing the week before. It is anticipated that the move will take one week and the set-up another week. There will be a hard-hat tour of the new library on Wednesday, January 28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS PART II
Trustee McIntosh announced that the FOL was approached by a person who wanted to donate his/her mutual fund to JMRL with the stipulation that it be used only to acquire materials about James Monroe. Trustee McIntosh said that he and Director Halliday would develop a procedure by which such requests will be able to be fulfilled. Trustee McIntosh also pointed out that the 50th anniversary of the FOL will be celebrated on May 2 in Lee Park in Charlottesville. Trustee Mullen thanked the Board for the sympathy card.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
There will be more to report on the budget.

PROPOSED ADJOURNMENT
Trustee Kulow made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Mathis seconded. The motion passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Brian LaFontaine, President