

ADVISORY COMMITTEE SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT

NOTE: Attach current list of members and identify officers.

Name of Committee:	Library Advisory Committee	
Date of Presentation:		
Time Period Covered:	July 1, 2018 — June 30, 2019	
# of Meetings Held During Period (including any special meeting or community input)	Four	
<p>MISSION & GOALS - Summarize concisely the committee’s mission (charge), key goals, objectives and measures below. You also may attach as a separate document, but limit to no more than one page single-spaced.</p>		
<p>Mission: Serves as the advisory committee for the effective functioning of the library.</p>		
<p>GOAL 1: Represent and respond to current library system needs and issues and identify emerging trends, challenges, opportunities and needs.</p>		
<p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide feedback on proposed new policies or revisions to existing policies • Work with the Library Director as needed to advocate for library funding needs • Work with the Library Director to obtain or collect data through surveys to identify current needs and emerging trends 		
<p>GOAL 2: Promote usage of the library services and programs by all residents</p>		
<p>Strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify barriers to usage of the libraries and effective ways to address the barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus Area: Reaching underserved members of the community. • Identify and use communications strategies to reach diverse populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus Area: Presentations and other outreach to churches, nonprofits, agencies, book clubs, etc. • Enhance library facilities to be as inviting and visible as possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus Area: Signage, plantings, outdoor art, sitting areas, etc. 		
<p>ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES - Summarize concisely below the committee’s major accomplishments and activities of the past year. This should include reports, research, projects, public input, etc. Be sure to identify how they relate to specific goals, objectives or measures. You also may attach as a separate document but limit to no more than one page single-spaced.</p>		

Meetings:

September 12, 2018, Goldston Library, Goldston.

December 17, 2018, Chatham Community Library, Pittsboro.

February 5, 2019, Chatham Community Library, Pittsboro.

April 17, 2019, Wren Memorial Library, Siler City.

Accomplishments and Activities:

At these meetings this year, we discussed actions for implementing the Goals and Strategies developed last year. The first meeting was a brain-storming session to put ideas on the table and create a structure for future discussion. In the subsequent meetings, we discussed the Wren Library (especially the need for a new roof) and ways to serve under-served populations while at the same time serving the fastest growing regions of the county to ensure that equitable services are available for all county citizens. We determined that it is time for a new needs-assessment to be carried out either by a paid consultant (through a state grant, hopefully) or else by county and library personnel. We developed a list of questions for the assessment to answer, especially in light of the projected population growth in certain areas (Chatham Park) and the completion of the new CCCC health sciences campus on US 15-501 near Briar Chapel.

Also at these meetings, we heard about county-wide library developments from Linda Clarke and other staff members and offered our advice. Some major developments include conducting an extensive outreach service beyond the library walls, testing the Chatham PASS system so students can check out books with their school IDs, coordinating a program on opioid abuse held at each of the three libraries, and convincing Siler City to replace the leaking roof on the Wren Library.

BARRIERS & CHALLENGES - Identify any barriers or challenges that make it difficult for the committee to achieve goals or objectives. Limit to the space provided below.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES: Please list any recommendations to the Board of Commissioners related to the changes in the advisory committee's membership, mission, goals, objectives or other related issues.

OTHER INFORMATION: Provide any other information or observations that the Board of Commissioners should know about. Provide in the space below.

2018-2019 Members:

Davenport "Dav" Robertson, Chair

Rhoda L. Berkowitz

Don Knowles

Jeanne Marie Patterson

Patricia Wall Poe

Patty Walters

Karen Howard, County Commissioner Liaison

Linda Clarke, County Library

