



**Kingsport Public Library Commission – Meeting Minutes**  
**Kingsport Public Library Auditorium**  
**Monday, January 9, 2023**

**Members Present:**

Julie Hammonds, Chair  
Luke Brogden  
Jaclyn Clendenen  
Betsy Cooper  
Joe Ewing

**Others Present:**

Chris Markley, Library Manager  
Roni Shaffer, Library Secretary  
Selena Harmon, Holston River Regional Assistant Director  
Michael Borders, Assistant City Manager

Meeting was called to order by Julie Hammonds, 4:03pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- A motion to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2022 meeting was made by Julie Hammonds; minutes were approved as written.

**Actions Taken:**

- None

**Regional Director's Report:** As emailed (on file.)

**Manager's Report:** As emailed (on file.) Chris Markley shared information about what the library is up to lately:

- This past December was the first year the library decided to have programming available during the schools' winter break, and it was a huge success! The library was packed with families for these programs.
- We are nearly back to pre-COVID numbers as far as patrons coming to the library, computer use statistics, and checkout numbers!
  - o To be noted: The gate count numbers on the statistic sheets provided will be incorrect. The front gate counter is not functioning properly.
- Makerspace open-lab time is back! This will be held every other Thursday and we will have different items available for patrons to learn about and play with each time.



**Old Business:**

- Strategic Plan Progress Update (as emailed).

**New Business:**

- No new business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned by Julie at 4:34pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Roni Shaffer, Secretary  
January 9, 2023

*Approved 4/10/2023*