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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cape May County Library Commission held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 1:30pm, in the Board Room of the Cape May County Library in Cape May Court House, NJ.

Present: Mr. Mastrangelo, Vice-Chair
Mrs. Ponichtera, Secretary
Mr. Ludgate
Mrs. Thomas
Andrea Orsini, Library Director
Vicki Wright, Assistant Library Director

Will Morey, County Commissioner

1. Mr. Mastrangelo called the meeting to order and announced it was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.
2. The minutes of the meeting of September 18, 2024 were presented for review and approval. Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion to approve the minutes, which Mrs. Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Under new business:
4. Library Administration's decision to move the graphic novel, *Gender Queer*, from the Young Adult collection to the Adult collection was discussed. Several library staff members attended and gave statements objecting to the relocation of the book, and voicing their support of the book remaining in the Young Adult collection. Public comment was held during this part of the meeting, and K. Rose Sague, Librarian, Caitlin Kelly, Library Associate, Josh Cohen, Librarian, Rowan Baxter-Green, Librarian, and Michelle Bingnear, Principal Library Assistant, all gave statements in support of keeping *Gender Queer* in the Young Adult collection. Jeff Trout, Principal Library Assistant, also provided a written statement that was read aloud. After much discussion, the Library Commission unanimously voted in favor of the book staying in the Young Adult collection.
5. Orsini presented the bills for the month of October for review and approval for payment. The list of bills was discussed. Mrs. Ponichtera made a motion to approve the bills for payment, which Mr. Ludgate seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Under old business:
 - a. Orsini reported that the contractors were still working to finish up the punch list for the new Cape May City Library. Orsini also reported continued problems with a couple of the H-VAC units. Orsini reported that the Cape May City Library was accepted as one of the NJ Black Heritage Trail sites. Orsini also reported that the Historic Interpretive Plan has been submitted to the NJ HPO for review.
 - b. Orsini also reported on the Dennis Twp. Lend-IT project progress.
7. Under new business:
 - a. Orsini reported on the September 2024 programming statistics and noted there were 6,142 participants in the month of September.
 - b. Orsini reported that the RFP for the Court House Library facilities study was not approved by the Board of County Commissioners. It was agreed that further discussion would be beneficial.
 - c. Orsini reported that early voting will be held at the Court House, Upper, and Lower Libraries from October 26 through November 3rd.
 - d. Resolution October 2024 #1, LOAs, was introduced. Mr. Mastrangelo made a motion to accept the resolution, which Mr. Ludgate seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

8. It was noted that the statistics for the month of September 2024 were listed on the agenda.
9. Orsini briefly reported on being contacted by the Cape May Technical Services High School to inquire about the library participating in their Work-Based Learning program.
10. There being no further business, the Commission adjourned.