



Marshall Public Library
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The Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees initiated an advisory report to both City and County Commissioners in December 2014 with the intention of submitting this report on a quarterly basis to fulfill the advisory oversight responsibilities as specified in the By-Laws of the Board of Trustees as we seek to promote and develop the Marshall Public Library for the benefit of all city and county citizens and pursue the library's mission of "enriching, empowering, and educating our community through exemplary services, exceptional resources, and engaging programs."

Included with the 2016 1st quarter report is a review of 2015 Implementation Priorities which were the focus of the library's work last year along with the 2016 Implementation Priorities established for the upcoming year in the five service areas outlined in the library's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan. Statistics and an overview of library service in the first quarter of 2016 is also included for your review.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruby Pye
Chairman

2015 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ruby Pye, Chair Darlene Dotson, Vice-Chair Megan Maxwell, Secretary
Lou Gaw Missy Hill Dr. Gerald Nissley

Marshall Public Library Board of Trustees
Quarterly Advisory Report
2016: 1st Quarter

Board of Trustees' News:

- ⌘ New officers for 2016 were elected during the January meeting and are as follows:
 - Ruby Pye, Chair
 - Darlene Dotson, Vice Chair
 - Megan Maxwell, Secretary
- ⌘ The Board of Trustees meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 4:00 p.m.

A list of Board members and their terms, a roster of Board members dating back to 1970, links to Board agendas and minutes as well as to quarterly reports are available on the Board of Trustees page of the library's website.

www.marshallpubliclibrary.org/boardoftrustees

Library Services:

- ⌘ One-on-one instruction on basic computer usage (creating an email account, formatting a document, accessing the internet, etc.) **(T)**
- ⌘ Continued new initiative "Tech Tuesdays"—group instruction on all things tech-related **(T)**
- ⌘ Added STEAMtime programs and activities for older children on Wednesday afternoons (STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) **(S)**
- ⌘ Furnished IRS tax forms for the public **(S)**
- ⌘ Provided proctor testing for college and graduate students **(S)**
- ⌘ Supplied meeting space for tutoring sessions, crafting classes, and community organizations **(F)**
- ⌘ Promoted services, programs, and information actively on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Twitter **(M)**
- ⌘ Site for Precinct 22 voting on Election Day **(F)**

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Library Programs:

- ⌘ Hosted Will Guzman, Assistant Professor of History and African American studies at Florida A&M professor and author of *Civil Rights in the Texas Borderland* **(S)**
- ⌘ Discussed *The Rosie Project* (Graeme Simsion), *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (Frederick Douglass), *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl* (Harriet Jacobs) and *The Bottoms* (Joe R. Lansdale) at the library's monthly Book Club **(S)**
- ⌘ Provided several activities and programs for kids on Spring Break **(S)**

www.marshallpubliclibrary.org/programs
www.marshallpubliclibrary.org/news-events

Strategic Plan areas addressed: F acility; M arketing/Public Relations/Advocacy; S ervice; T echnology
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