

Attendees:

Jim Clark – CFCC	Ellen McNair – retired librarian
Peggy Yandle – CFCC	Jay Pinson – NHCPL
Elisabeth Garner – UNCW	Suzanne J. Dickson – UNCW
Christopher Robinson – UNCW	Anne Pemberton – UNCW
Nicole Tekulve - UNCW	Tonya Minor – UNCW
Mike Taylor – Pender County PL	Virginia Sharp March – Onslow County PL
Karen Moore – Onslow County PL	Lucy Holman – UNCW
John Bloom – CFCC	Kristyn Saroff – NHCPL
Jimi Rider – NHCPL	Elizabeth Royal – www.REEDS.com
Jacob Deininger – CFCC	Lisa Coats – UNCW
Patricia Dew – NHCPL	Tim Pinnick – business owner
Sarah Mueth – UNCW	Catherine Lee - CFCC

NHC – Discussion of the new Pine Valley Branch

Presenter: Patricia Dew, Branch Manager of NHCPL – Myrtle Grove

Needs and Spaces of Pine Valley

- Desires for the new branch and the new space's limitations:
 - Children's space that can hold 200 people, large parking lot, separate staff bathroom, a children's room large enough to also house juvenile fiction, and a café of sorts.
 - They wanted the building to be flexible for growing and/or changing in the future to accommodate shifts in resource demands of the future.
 - Convertible furniture
 - Rollable shelves.
 - Limited to:
 - Budget of 4.4 million.
 - Three-acre site
- Overview
 - Anticipated 16,000 – 18,000 sq ft. (currently, they have approximately 6,000)
 - Collection size – greater than 40k (TBD)
 - Interior and Exterior public spaces
 - Needed to balance program components within the project size.
- Program components
 - 1 – entry lobby
 - 2- adult
 - 3 – children's
 - 4 – teens
 - 5 – multi-purpose
 - 6- staff
 - 7- support

- 8 – outdoor (close to wetlands for educational programs, movie nights, etc.)
 - 9- “the 9th space” for future needs. Will start out housing art. Visible through front windows.
- Architects provided different possible layouts based on the needs the library submitted, and they ended up choosing one that has the children’s, multi-purpose, and adult sections in 3 separate wings.
- The library also received an additional 2,000sq ft than expected (bringing them to just below 20,000sq ft). The county offered this addition (paid for by the county) because it was agreed the extra space was needed and the program needed to be done right.
- The new Pine Valley branch will sit right off the Cross City Trail and patrons have already expressed excitement over being able to bike there safely.
- Many patrons, when asked in the past what they would like in a new library, commented that they would like a café.
 - So, when deciding what would be in “the hub” at the entrance where everything happens, a space to offer coffee has been included.
 - Staff is currently looking for vending options for coffee.
- Children’s area looks out the back into the woods
- Outdoor design/set up TBD.
- Adult wing will be through a closed, glass door where it can remain quiet. Adult section also has an outside area to relax and read.
- Plan to open in January. (Finish in December)
- Questions?
 - Staffing – what will it look like?
 - Permanent positions: Branch manager, 3 reference librarians, 3 associates, and 3.5 library assistants.
 - Will be posting a librarian position, an associate position, and two assistant positions sometime soon. Uncertain whether all of these will be at Pine Valley or at other branches.
 - Architecture – Who is he/she?
 - A reputable architect out of Raleigh who has done other libraries.
 - One story/level?
 - Yes, one story. No elevators.
 - How to prevent stealth out the back?
 - TBD. Will have to weigh costs of preventative measures against the shrinkage costs from theft.
 - Floor material?
 - Children’s – rubber-like floor tile
 - Makerspace – concrete
 - Who selected interior designer?
 - Architect brought them along.
 - Exterior – metal clad outing. Grey steel.
 - Giant, magnetic poetry, anyone?
 - Many windows, though, so no issue with cell phone signal blockage.
 - Computers available both in adult’s and children’s sections.

- Chairs without arms to accommodate patrons with special needs.
- Staff “perch” will be adjustable for sitting or standing.
- Will we host an ACLA meeting there?
 - Yes! Perhaps in March...
- Any upcoming events occurring at attendees’ institution?
 - Lucy Holden – UNCW’s new University Librarian
 - UNCW has new bathrooms.
 - UNCW has a new digital makerspace in the back of the first floor.
 - Sept 11th, 3-6pm is an open house for the makerspace! Check out the 3D printer!
 - Tech Talent South through NHCPL –
 - Sponsoring a scholarship of \$6,750 for this coding school.
 - CFCC got a small LSTA to do a small graphic novel book discussion at Sea Tech
 - Will also have an author illustrator come talk
 - UNCW – Chris Robinson is the new outreach and engagement librarian at UNCW.
 - Kristyn Saroff – new Circulation manager at the downtown branch of NHCPL.
- After the quarterly meeting, Jacob Deininger provided a tour of the CFCC Library.

Next quarterly meeting:

- ACLA elections will be in the October meeting.

Next social:

- Social in late Sept or early Oct. Will review results from survey taken on ideas for social.