Attendance:  Bob Argus (Chair), Cori Toler (Secretary), Alma Hires, Mary Lou Tuttle, Brenda Staton, John McWhirter, William Scheuerle, Kay O’Rourke, Jim Harkins and James Martin were present.  Jim Johnson (Vice-Chair) and Michael Keller were excused.

Staff Present:  Joe Stines, Director; Marcee Challener, Manager, Materials & Circulation Services; Linda Gillon, Manager, Programming; David Wullschleger, Manager, Operations; Aracelis Maldonado, Administrative Specialist; Megan Danak, Friends Coordinator; Vickie Ricketts, Principal Librarian; Anne Ross, Chief Librarian; Suzanne George, Chief Librarian.

Guests:  Ricardo Cox, Assistant County Attorney; Fiscal & Support Services, PS&CS Staff; Kevin Brickey, Cheryl Arends and Mark Martinet of Budget & Support Services Department.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Minutes from the January 26, 2012 meeting were approved.

There were no presentations from the public.

Recognition of volunteers is scheduled to take place at the March meeting.

Thanks went to out to Temple Terrace Library for their gracious hospitality in hosting the Library Board meeting. Armand Ternak, the library’s division director, announced that Temple Terrace Library will be celebrating its 50th anniversary during National Library Week in April 2012.

Kevin Brickey, Economist for Hillsborough County Budget & Support Services Department, presented the five-year pro forma (FY12—FY17) for the Library Tax District fund.

Vickie Ricketts, the Library’s safety coordinator provided information and addressed questions regarding the automated external defibrillators (AED’s) that are being installed at most of the libraries.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee
The Library Board approved the Budget Committee’s recommendation to direct staff to negotiate for an outside consultant analysis of the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative. (The Cooperative is made up of the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library and the two municipal libraries of Temple Terrace and Plant City.)

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012 p.m., 3:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Public Library. The Budget Committee is meeting earlier in the month in order to finalize the FY13 Budget. All members are encouraged to attend.

Planning Committee
Staff presented an overview of the library’s social networking sites, Twitter and Facebook.

Staff briefed the Library Board on their meeting with representatives from Newland Communities and David Weekly Homes to discuss site alternatives for a Fishhawk-area library.
The Library Board voted to approve the Planning Committee’s recommendation to send a letter to Real Estate Department requesting they explore potential alternative locations for the future library.

Staff reported on potential land available for the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library redevelopment.

A cost analysis is being prepared for the Fendig Library additional parking. The Library Board unanimously agreed to allow staff to move forward with the purchase of land for that project.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at John F. Germany Library.

**Policy & Bylaws Committee**

The Library Board unanimously voted to approve an alcohol use request form submitted by the Town ’N Country Friends of the Library for their annual Art, Wine & Music event to be held in May 2012.

The Policy & Bylaws Committee postponed its March meeting pending any important items. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 26, 2012 at Port Tampa Library.

**Unfinished Business**—None.

**New Business**

Library Board members received a letter that was sent to each of them by a citizen. Because the matter is related to pending litigation, members present were instructed to direct any questions to the County Attorney’s office.

**Director’s Report**

An update was provided on library expansion projects that are underway.

A future stop of the Library History Road Show will be Seminole Heights Library on May 6, 2012.

Installation of outdoor furniture for the future Sandpiper Pavillion in the Harkins Plaza at SouthShore Regional Library is now in progress.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.