

Library Advisory Board Accomplishments – March 2002 thru October 2007

NOTE: Lauren Harrison served as Chairman from Oct. 2003 thru June 2004

IN GENERAL:

1. Participation in manning the Farmer's Market Library's table
2. Participation in National Library Week events such as Read-a-Thon's

INTERIOR DESIGN:

1. Arranged to have the Merrick furniture repaired and refinished and to have four throne chairs upholstered; which included finding donors to pay for the work. Funds were received from The Villagers and the Historic Preservation Board.
2. Worked with Kim Hernandez from the Floral Design Gallery to provide a flower arrangement for the Merrick table.
3. Worked to determine the ownership of the furniture in the building.
4. Requested that the entry doors be cleaned and refinished due to mildew and wear.
5. Requested that the Mahogany doors in the rear of the library which exit to the Butterfly Garden, be repaired.
6. Board was advised of all ADA Compliance projects for the library building and made recommendations when appropriate.
7. Requested that a be curatorial style plaque installed for the Pancoast mural
8. requested that the Pancoast mural lighting be upgraded to enhance the beauty of the piece.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT:

1. Found the funding to pay the person who finished the quilts. Funds were donated by the Coral Gables Community Foundation.
2. Etiquette Around The World classes presented by Ileana Davis.

PUBLICATIONS & PUBLICITY:

1. Arranged publicity for the Miami-Dade Public Library System for projects such as children's 'Nature Talks', the butterfly garden's awards from the National Federation of Garden Clubs for the Deep South District and the Florida Nurserymen and Growers Association, the furniture restorations, including the donations by The Villagers and the Historic Preservation Board that made the project possible, and the many donations made by The Villagers.
2. Requested that the Public Affairs office provide publicity for the work that Carolyn Junkin has accomplished for the City of Coral Gables and the library facility.

3. Requested that the City of Coral Gables website information regarding the Library Advisory Board be corrected.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE:

1. Made requests to the library system to provide quality landscape maintenance of the grounds around the library.
2. Requested that the City replace the legs on the Butterfly Garden benches.
3. Discussed and made recommendations for repair and refurbishing of the two fountains.
4. Participated in the 2006 Arbor Day Celebration held on library grounds.

LIBRARY HISTORY:

1. Initiated research (being provided by Kendell Turner) of the history of the Coral Gables Branch Library. The history would include the beginnings of the library as well as notable features including the Raggedy Ann and Andy and the Tile wall in the meeting room. This project was begun in October 2004.