

Exeter Public Library
Trustees Minutes
April 19, 2011

Present: J. Battles, B. Crespi, F. Donovan, G. Kenney, B. Young, H. Godino.
Absent: P. Aten, J. Henson, M. LaFreniere, K. McCarthy

Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:38 pm.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted. The new slate of officers were discussed and voted on. Barbara Young will be the Chair, Peter Aten, vice chair, Betsey Crespi, treasurer and Mary LaFreniere, secretary.

There was no correspondence.

Director's Report:

To celebrate National Library Week, April 10-16, we asked everyone to tell us what they particularly liked about the library or libraries in general. We posted all the responses on the bulletin board near the Mysteries.

In celebration of Poetry Month, on April 27, local poets, Pat Parnell, Joann Duncanson and Barbara Bald and Bob Moore will read from their books.

On May 4 at 6:30 pm, local author Thomas Weisshaus will read from and sign his book, Not a Victim : Tales of Survival in Nazi Budapest.

Book Groups are increasing in size as the weather gradually grows warmer. Last Wednesday, the Evening Book Group discussed The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher. This Wednesday, the Morning Book Group will discuss Middlesex.

Book Talks continue in their popularity. Last month our Langdon Place book group set a new record in items checked out. Riverwoods continues to have the highest numbers in attendance at our Book Talks.

Ongoing at the library, the Seabreeze Quilters meet Tuesdays 9 am –1 pm, Morning knitting meets Thursdays 11 am-1 pm and Night knitting meets Mondays 6-7:30 pm.

We continue to bring books and book talks or readings to WIC and the local senior facilities.

Book.People met April 13 to discuss Life of Pi and will meet in May to discuss The Help. The 6th grade book group and Bookworms United did not meet in March due to staff illness.

This is the last week for this 6 week LapSit and Storytime session. We had 105 children participating. Sign-up for the next session will be held the first week of May. This session will run until the end of the school year.

The six book groups meet the second Saturday of each month. A total of 113 children are currently registered.

On April 9th.1st grade, Book & Art, discussed Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee. 2nd grade, Book Bunch, discussed The New Kid at School (Dragon Slayer's Academy). 3rd grade, Dewey's Book Buds, discussed Flight of the Phoenix. 4th & 5th grade, Page Turners, discussed Eager. All group members participated in different games including Pictionary, Bingo and Concentration.

On Wednesday, April 27th at 1:00 pm, during school vacation week, the Children's Room will have a special program, Steve Blunt. Winner of a "Parent's Choice" award, Steve will be singing songs, featuring mostly humorous original compositions, as well as popular traditional American and multicultural selections. This is a family program for all ages. The program will last approximately one hour.

Operating Statement:

Hope said that everything was going well; there is nothing unusual for this time of year.

Building, Grounds and Technology: -0-

Fundraising & Finance:

Betsy reported that the Annual Appeal letter has brought in \$12,565 for the Building Fund and \$820 for Other, giving a grand total of \$13,385.

Personnel & Policy:

At the end of the meeting, The Trustees will go into Executive Session to discuss Hope's evaluation.

Social:

Gwen reported that the Staff Appreciation dinner will be on May 6.

Continuing Business:

The Long Range Plan has been published and is now being distributed. Thanks to everyone who participated.

New Business: -0-

Next Meeting: May 24, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:51 pm

Pam Darlington