

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes February 16, 2016

Present: D. Leonard, P. Sears, B. Young, B. Crespi, M. Lafreniere, H. Godino L. Wilson and 3 guests.

Call to Order: 6:30 pm. The meeting was opened with a roll call. The minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

Correspondence: 0

Directors Report: On February 3rd the Evening Book Group viewed a special screening of *The Giver* at 6:00pm in the library's Meeting Room. Members brought their children and one grandparent for a unique multi-generational experience. On February 10th at 6:30pm the Evening Book Group discussed Lois Lowry's *The Giver* and compared the movie adaptation to the book. On February 17th the Morning Book group will discuss Kate Atkinson's *Life After Life* at 10:00am. On March 9th, the Evening Book Group will read Sue Monk Kidd's *The Invention of Wings*. The Morning Book Group will read Geraldine Brooks' *Nine Parts of Desire: the Hidden World of Islamic Women* on March 16th. These books were selected in honor of Women's History Month. The morning group meets the third Wednesday of the month and the evening group meets the second Wednesday of the month. We always have room for more, please join us.

AARP will be here every Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 to 7:30pm from February 1 to April 18th to offer free tax help to low and moderate income tax payers, especially those 60 years of age or older.

Children's book groups meet the second and third Saturday of the month with 80 children participating. Sign-up is necessary for book discussion groups. The children's room provides all books. Book and Art is an introductory book discussion group for children aged six. The Book Bunch is a discussion group for children aged seven. Dewey's Book Buds is a discussion group for children aged eight. The Page Turners is a book discussion group for ages nine and ten.

The children's room will be showing two movies, having a games day and having extra drop-in art projects as well as open Story Times during February vacation.

Beginning in March the Children's Room will offer a Family Story Time for all ages on Mondays at 10am. It will be a drop-in story, no sign-up required.

The preschool story times will be on Tuesday at 10am, Wednesday at 10am and 2pm, and Thursday at 10am. The drop-in art projects will be offered Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. The additional art projects are in response to a request from the school-age children who come in after school and want something to do that's fun and not homework.

February book selection for eleven year olds is *The London Eye Mystery*. The twelve and thirteen year olds read *The Boy in the Stripped Pajamas*. Teens have the opportunity to vote for the 2016 NH Flume award. TAB is maintaining the large white board and the black board in the Teen Scene.

A special thank you to DPW for plowing, shoveling and spreading sand, salt and ice melt during the winter month, especially since they come right over when we are having a problem with ice. And also a thank you for taking all our recycle every week no matter the weather.

We present book talks at local senior facilities, including 277 Water Street, Langdon Place, The Woods, and the Boulders.

Don't forget our monthly movies at 1PM. The next movie will be March 7, weather permitting.

If you wish to receive our e-mail newsletter sign-up at the adult services desk.

Operating statement: The operating statement was accepted. This is not actual until the March elections.

Building, Grounds and Technology: A special thank you to DPW for the wonderful job shoveling and plowing!

Finance and Fundraising: **Thank you** to Betsey Crespi for her time on the board and work on the Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal totals 11,440.00 for the year so far. Denise Leonard will take over Betsey's duties.

Long Range Plan: -0-

Personnel and Policy: -0-

Social: The Staff Appreciation Lunch will take place April 7, 2016 from 11:30 to 1 pm. Soups, salad bread and dessert will be served! Hope will check to see what room is available.

Continuing Business: -0-

New Business: Public Comment—Kim Canfield, Lisa Reynolds and Morgan Ames asked for the board's help in reviewing comments from an online parent group and in light of their experiences and these comments review library policies in the Children's Room. These policies include those involved with Lap Sit, children's story hours and how visitors are welcomed to the Children's Room. Hope said she is agreeable to discussing changes and the Board is looking forward to working together with them.

Next Meeting: March 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm.

Lisa Wilson