

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes  
**Januaruy 24, 2012**

Present: J. Battles, B. Crespi, F. Donavan, J. Henson, G. Kenney, M. LaFreniere, K. McCarthy, B. Young, H. Godino.

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** 6:30 pm.

The Minutes of the November 22 meeting were accepted.

**Correspondence:** -0-

**Director's Report:**

The Morning Book Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 AM and the Evening Book Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM.

The year started out with the first ever teen book selected by an adult book group. The Evening Book Group read Suzanne Collins' The Hunger Games while feasting on foods from the book; various berries, bread and goat's cheese wrapped in basil leaves. One member brought her teenage daughter to the book discussion and she shared why she and her friends so enjoyed the book.

The Morning Book Group read When You Are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris. The members listened to David read a story on the David Letterman Show, and then discussed if humor and satire books should be cataloged as nonfiction.

Book Talks continue to increase in attendance at Langdon Place, 277 Water Street and River Woods.

The 6th grade book group will meet on Sat. Feb. 11 to discuss The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm at 9:30 a.m. Bookworms United grades 7 & 8 will meet at 10:30 on Feb. 11 to discuss The Maze Runner.

Sign up for our 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade book groups is ongoing or until groups are full. We offer two sessions for each grade level. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade groups meet the second Saturday of each month. The 9:30 session of the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade group is FULL. Our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders meet the third Saturday of each month. Both 1<sup>st</sup> grade groups are FULL and the 9:30 2<sup>nd</sup> grade session is FULL. We currently have 115 children participating in our book groups.

On Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup>, Deweys Book Buds (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) discussed Rosa Farm and rated the book a 4.25 on a scale of 1 to 5. They made a magnet craft using farm animal stickers. The Page Turners (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade) discussed Cosmic. The book received a rating of 4.2. These groups made a space foam sticker bookmark. In preparation for the February 11<sup>th</sup> book groups, Dewey's Book Buds are reading Ellie McDoodle Have Pen Will Travel and the Page Turners are reading Paint the Wind.

On Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup>, Book & Art (1<sup>st</sup> grade) were read The Farewell Symphony. They rated the book a 4.6. For the art component, they used oil pastels and used similar techniques as the books illustrator. Their illustrations will be exhibited in the Children's Room Art Spot throughout the months of March and April. The Book Bunch (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) read The Elevator

Family and completed a maze. The book received a rating of 5.0+. On February 18<sup>th</sup> they will discuss The Magician's Boy.

The first session in the New Year for both the Toddler Lapsit program and the Preschool Story time began with a great start. This session for both programs will run for seven weeks. Both the 9:30 and 10:30 session of the LapSit program were filled immediately. This program is limited to 10 toddlers and their 10 caregivers. We have Mothers, Dads, Grammy's and Nanny's bringing their "little ones" for this 1/2 hour program. The toddlers enjoy songs, finger plays, nursery rhymes, poetry and stories each week.

Seventy three children have registered for the Preschool Story Time. Winter stories and craft projects will be the theme for this session of our program. Of course during February we will also celebrate Groundhog Day and Valentines' Day.

All these events are free and open to the public, for more information please call the library. We continue to bring books and book talks or readings to WIC and the local senior facilities.

#### **Operating Statement:**

1. Hope said that because the budget has not been set yet, we are still using last year's numbers.
2. The Annual Appeal has brought in over \$14,000 so far. Thank you to all contributors.

#### **Building, Grounds and Technology:**

1. The heat was of for two days. A part had to be ordered. Dowling worked until the problem was solved.

#### **Fundraising & Finance:**

1. Betsey asked for Trustees' help writing thank you notes for Annual Appeal donations.

#### **Personnel & Policy: -0-**

#### **Social:**

1. Trustees are planning a staff appreciation party on March 23.

#### **Continuing Business:**

1. Meeting dates were set for the next year.
2. The Trustees meeting minutes will be placed on the website.
3. Hope passed around list of Trustees for corrections to the email and telephone list.
4. So far, three residents have signed up for library Trustee.

#### **New Business:**

1. Mary said that the Taste of Exeter had been canceled for the spring. She will be planning a basket fundraiser for the fall of 2012 or the spring of 2013.

**Next Meeting: February 21, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: 6:59 pm  
Pam Darlington