

Exeter Public Library  
Trustees Minutes  
**March 22, 2011**

Present: B. Crespi, Treasurer, J. Battles, F. Donovan, G. Kenney, M. LaFreniere, K. McCarthy, H. Godino.

Absent: P. Aten, J. Henson, B. Young

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

Betsy welcomed new member, Jim Battles and welcomed back Kim and Felicia. The Minutes of the January 25, 2011 meeting were accepted. There was no correspondence.

**Director's Report:**

On March 9th our Evening Book Group skyped with author Alan Brennert about his book, Moloka'i. The group was able to ask questions about not only his book, but also about his Emmy winning career as a screenwriter in Los Angeles.

On March 16th, the Morning Book Group skyped for over an hour with New Hampshire's author, Sy Montgomery. Sy, author of our March selection, The Good Good Pig, delighted the group with stories of her encounters with animals both near and far. She offered to skype again if the group reads any of her forthcoming nonfiction books.

On Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 PM, local mountaineer Rob Garneau will present his program, Hikes to the Highest Places in the United States.

On March 30 at 6:30 pm, local authors Lara Bricker, Toby Ball, Kevin Flynn and Cornelia Read will discuss crime fiction.

Rescheduled due to the weather, New Hampshire Humanities scholar Janice Alberghene will lead a discussion of Little Women by Louisa May Alcott on Wednesday April 6 at 10 am.

To celebrate Poetry Month on April 27th at 6:30 pm, we will have poetry readings by local poets Pat Parnell, Joann Duncanson and Barbara Bald accompanied by Bob Moore on guitar.

On Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30, the Evening Book Group will discuss The Suspicions of Mr. Whicher. Then on Wednesday, April 20 at 11, the Morning Book Group will discuss Middesex. We have copies of these books available for anyone who is interested.

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

All these events are free and open to the public, for more information please call the library.

The sixth grade group will read and discuss Hoot on Saturday April 9 at 9:30 am. At 10:30 am on April 9, the Bookworms United will discuss The Graveyard Book

The high school group, Book People, will discuss Life of Pi on Monday April 13 at 7 pm. They are encouraging underclassmen to come to the discussions and have had some success with this endeavor.

The TAB group had fun, and did a great job, decorating the walls in Teen Scene on March 16. Please come on by and see.

The six children's book groups meet the second Saturday of each month in either the Meeting Room or the Art Room. The book groups for grades 1-5 met with over 100

children attending. Participation in these groups continues to grow and the children are highly motivated to read and share their monthly book.

Both Book & Art (first grade) groups & Book Bunch (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) are full. We do have a “wait list” for the second and third grade group, as only one session is available.

1<sup>st</sup> grade, 9:30 am or 2:00 pm, Book & Art, received their first book to read and prepare to discuss, Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 11 am, Book Bunch, to discuss, The New Kid at School (Dragon Slayer’s Academy).

3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 11 am, Dewey’s Book Buds, to discuss: Flight of the Phoenix (Nathaniel Fludd Beastologist).

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 9:30 am and 2 pm, Page Turners, to discuss Eager by Helen Fox.

Last month the Book and Art group made bookmarks for their new books, Book Bunch split into two groups and played Concentration – clues and answers relating to the book, Dewey’s Book Buds played Bingo (questions related to aspects of the book discussed) and Page Turners split into two groups and played Hang Man.

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

### **Operating Statement:**

Hope said that everything was going well. She explained that even though the town was on a default budget, the library would receive the same amount of money as requested in the 1911 budget. Jim wondered if the library did not spend its allotted money for the year, what happens to that extra money. Hope answered that the money was voted by the residents and it would stay in the library’s account to be used by the library. The operating budget was accepted.

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

The Trustees thanked the Department of Public Works for doing an excellent job clearing snow and ice from the library walkways and parking lots this year.

### **Fundraising & Finance:**

Betsey asked that trustees continue to write thank you notes to donors.

### **Personnel & Policy:**

Hope’s evaluation will take place at the next Trustee’s meeting during the executive session.

### **Social:**

Gwen said that the reception for the heron sculpture donor and sculptor was very nice and attended by many library users.

The Trustees are planning a staff Appreciation dinner on May 5.

### **Continuing Business:**

The next Long Range Plan is almost ready to be published.

A patron told Betsey that she loves the adult book groups.

**New Business:**

Mary asked for Trustee's help with a fundraiser that she is planning for the fall. The plans have not been finalized yet but her thought is that it will be some sort of auction with food. She needs each Trustee to take ownership of one of the committees. Kim has already said that she will chair the Advertising Committee.

**Next Meeting:** April 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:59 pm**

Pam Darlington