

**Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes
May 17, 2016**

Present: R. Lent, D. Leonard, M. McEntee, P. Sears, L. Wilson, B. Young, H. Godino and 2 guests.

Call to Order: 6:30 pm. Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call. She said that there would be a public comment at the end of the meeting and each person could speak for 5 minutes. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted.

Correspondence: Trustees received a thank you from the staff for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Directors Report: Family story times are Monday at 10am and Tuesday at 11am. The preschool story times are Wednesday at 10am and 2pm, and Thursday at 10am. The drop-in art projects will be offered Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons. The children heard stories about spring, bugs, gardens and baby animals and did art projects that included little pigs, caterpillars, and little kites.

You really need to come into the children's room to see the ceiling tiles painted by the Page-Turners book group. Each child is given a tile to paint for ceiling in the children's room. Most of the children have participated in our book groups for many years. The tiles are masterpieces that are the proof of the time and effort the children put into the project. You might be surprised by the individuality and creativity of each tile. Thank you to all the children who participated on a Saturday and a special thank you to the parents who took the time to bring their children into the library on a Saturday to do the project.

Also showing the children's room are the fantastic art projects of the of high school seniors in Ms. Jenn Veinotte's class.

Next week the children's room will display the art work from the Great Bay Action Club, grades 3-5. The Assistant Children's Librarian visits them once a month during the school year and weekly in the summer. She reads to the children and gives them gently used donated books to keep.

We are in the process of putting the final touches on all of our summer reading programs for young children, older children, teens and adults. Information for all of these programs will be available soon.

The Morning Book Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10am and the Evening Book Group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Our Morning Book Group will discuss The Interpreter of Maladies on May 18th and will discuss The Talk Funny Girl on June 15th.

Our Evening Book Group discussed The Daring Ladies of Lowell on May 11th and will discuss The Narrow Road to the Deep North on June 8th.

On Tuesday May 24 at 6:30pm Rob Garneau, owner of Travel and Nature, will recount his latest adventure to Eastern Europe to explore the Danube River Area and the northern Carpathian Mountains in Hungary, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia

Our music series continues this summer with Acoustic folk duo, Simons and Goodwin July 12; Pianist Andy Inzenga July 26; UNH Marine Docent Sea Chantey Singers August 9; and Folk and Roots with Bob Moore and Friend August 23. All performances are on Tuesday afternoons at 3pm

On June 10 the library will open at 1pm instead of the usual 8:30am for a staff workshop.

June 16 at 10am we will present a meditation workshop with Lynn Tatarzuk.

Join us on June 16 for our second Noche Mexicano at Margareta's. 20% of your food tab will be donated to the Exeter Public Library.

Plan on attending our Library Picnic in the Park on Wednesday June 29 from 11:30. Please bring you lunch and a dessert to share. We will provide the beverages. We will have face painting, a karate demonstration and other fun activities.

The next adult Movie Matinee will be June 6. The movie will be "A Royal Night Out".

The Friends of the Exeter Public Library will meet in the fall. if you are interested in joining, please leave your name and email or phone number at the Adult Services desk.

All library programs are free and open to the public

Operating statement: The operating statement was accepted. The supply line is up this year.

Building, Grounds and Technology: The stone wall has been repaired.

Finance and Fundraising: -0-

Long Range Plan: -0-

Personnel and Policy: -0-

Social: -0-

Continuing Business: -0-

New Business: Robin asks that the sub-committees meet. Hope sent around a list of committees. There was some discussion about the possibility of publishing a library or town cookbook.

Public Session:

Kim Canfield spoke about her suggestion to form a Friends of the Library group. Since there is already a group forming, Barbara suggested that we take her name and we would tell her of the next meeting date. At the same time, anyone else could call the library and we would put their names on the list. The meeting will take place in the fall.

Melissa Guy commented that she loved the library but wondered why the picture books were not in strict alpha order. Hope explained that the books were ordered in a way that young children could browse, ie: take any book off the shelf, look at it and put it back easily. If they wanted, they could even leave the books on the floor or on a table for the librarians to put away. This is meant to help children learn to form their own opinions as to what constitutes a good book.

Next Meeting: June 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30 pm.

Pam Darlington