

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

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

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** 6:34 pm.

The Minutes of the September 22 meeting were accepted with one correction.

**Correspondence:**

A note was received from Peter Aten announcing his resignation from the Board of Trustees.

**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. In December the morning group will read A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway and the evening group will read Room by Emma Donohue. The 2012 book group lists are now available at the circulation desk, and by December 1st they will be available on our website. Book Talks continue to increase in attendance at Langdon Place, 277 Water Street, Exeter on Hampton and RiverWoods.

The teen book groups meet the second Saturday of the month at 9:30 am and 10:30 am. In December the 6th grade group will read and discuss Catherine, called Birdy and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade group will read and discuss The Maze Runner.

Sign-ups 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 group is FULL. We currently have 116 children participating in our book groups.

The December books to be discussed are:

Book Bunch (2<sup>nd</sup>): Frankly, Frannie

Dewey's Book Buds (3<sup>rd</sup>): The Case of the Gasping Garbage

Page Turners (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>): Swindle

This is sign-up week for Toddler Lap Sit and Preschool Story Time. The Toddler Lap-Sits are held on Monday's at 9:30 and at 10:30 and each lasts approximately one-half hour with stories, songs and finger plays. Each session is limited to 10 toddlers and their ten caregivers.

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:** Accepted

Hope said that there is nothing unusual for this time of year.

**Building, Grounds and Technology:**

New shelving extensions have been installed in the Children's Room, as well as another row of shelves in the Adult area for the growing large print section.

The trees in Founders Park have been pruned by an arborist.

Hope wants to purchase picnic tables for the park. Jim Battles says he has some to donate.

**Fundraising & Finance:**

Betsey says that the annual appeal letter has been sent and donations are coming in. She will have a report at the next meeting. She also says thank you to all who have donated so far.

The budget is in and has been kept basically flat.

**Personnel & Policy: -0-**

**Social: -0-**

**Continuing Business:**

The fundraiser, The Sweetest Taste of Exeter, has been scheduled for February 12 at the library. There will be a bake-off and a silent auction. Mary will have more plans later.

**New Business:**

Betsey suggested that we schedule trustee's meeting a year in advance so that people can plan ahead.

**Next Meeting: January 24, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: 6:54 pm  
Pam Darlington