

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes  
**October 23, 2012**

Present: B. Crespi, F. Donovan, J. Henson, D. Kane, G. Kenney, M. LaFreniere, K. McCarthy, B. Young, H. Godino.

**Call to Order:** 6:31 pm. Gwen opened the meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted, with John Henson's name spelled correctly.

**Correspondence: -0-**

**Director's Report:**

Hope thanked all the library staff for helping out when she was out of the library for 2 weeks.

Banned Books week was in October. Both Adult and Children's Services had displays. Hope read excerpts from "To Kill a Mockingbird" at Water Street Books.

NH Big Read program focused on Edgar Allan Poe. All book groups read various stories and poems and poems were also read at the senior centers. A reader's theatre program, Poe, Poe, Poe was held which was also sponsored by the ALA and the NH Humanities Council.

"Making Sense of the Civil War" is an ongoing program. The last one will be held during the first week of November.

We have started a new program at the library on Fridays at noon, Classical Music Hour.

Heronfield Academy came for a tour of the Teen Scene.

Teen Read Week was October 15-22. The theme was "It Came From the Library".

The artists of the month are Michele Fennell and Dan Damer.

In the Children's Room, Book & Art will be reading "The Paper Dragon", Book Bunch will read "Maybelle in the Soup", Dewey's Book Buds will read Sophie Simon Solves Them All, and the Page Turners will read "Where the Mountain Meets the Moon".

Story Time and Lap-Sit programs have begun again and the children will be in their Halloween costumes the week of October 22. Stories and crafts all have a fall theme.

During Exeter's Fall Festival, the ongoing craft was a cornhusk doll.

Davis Moore has been helping kids make paper mache masks for Halloween.

**Operating Statement:**

1. There was no operating statement but Hope said everything was going fine.

**Building, Grounds and Technology:**

1. The new automation system will be up and running sometime in December. The library will have to be closed 1 day for staff training.

**Finance and Fundraising:**

1. The annual appeal letter has been written and sent to the printer. Betsey says that the letter will be sent to those who have given in the last 3 years. There will also be letters available for staff to give to patrons at both CIRC desks.
2. Mary mentioned the Baskets for Books fundraiser, which will be held on March 22, 2013. She says she has booked the Hampton Best Western for the event. Betsey asked if we could insert a save the date card into the annual appeal letter. Hope will ask Carol to create this.

**Personnel & Policy: -0-**

**Social: -0-**

**Continuing Business: -0-**

**New Business:**

1. Nancy Merrill died and the visiting hours will be Friday, October 26. The trustees voted to buy some books in her name.

**Next Meeting: November 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.**

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 pm

Pam Darlington