

**Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes
October 18, 2016**

Present: L. Haslam, D. Leonard, M. McEntee, P. Sears, L. Wilson, B.Young, H. Godino
Absent: M. Lafreniere, R. Lent, D. Moore

Call to Order: 6:30 pm. Barbara opened the meeting with a roll call. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted with 2 corrections.

Correspondence: -0-

Directors Report:

We have added another Family Story Time to the schedule. We now offer Family Story on Monday and Thursday mornings at 11 am. Story Times, recommended for children 3 years old and up, are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 am and 2 pm. Open art is on Mondays at 11:30 am to 4:30 pm and Fridays from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

The children's book groups are going well. **Book & Art** is for children who are 6 by September. They will have a book read to them and then do an art project related to the book. The **Book Bunch** is for children age 7. They will read and discuss Humphrey's Really Wheely Racing Day. **Dewey's Book Buds** is for children age 8. They will read and discuss Honey. The **Page-Turners** is for children 9 and 10. They will read and discuss Circus Mirandus.

On October 8 the teen book groups met. The 11-year-old group renamed their group The Owls and discussed Holes. They participated in a search and find game inspired by the book. The 12-year old and older group changed their name to Books for Life, had a rousing discussion of Nothing But The Truth and participated in a National Anthem trivia challenge. On November 12, The Owls will discuss Hoot and Books for Life will discuss Miss Peregrine's School for Peculiar Children.

On Wednesday October 19 at 2 pm the teens will join in for a Percy Jackson trivia challenge. The teen movie for October is Guardians of the Galaxy on October 25 at 3:30 pm and the November movie will be Harry Potter and the Sorceress Stone on November 8 at 2 pm.

On Wednesday October 19 the Morning Book Group will discuss The Mill on the Floss and will select their 2017 book group calendar. On November 16 they will discuss What Alice Forgot. On Wednesday October 12 the Evening Book Group voted on their 2017 book list and discussed The Elephant Whisperer. On November 9 they will discuss The Light Between Oceans.

Our monthly movies are the first or second Monday of the month at 1 pm. We have an added another monthly movie series, Armchair Travel on Monday October 31 at 1 pm we will show Grand Canyon serenade from PBS.

Tech Teach, free one-on one technology lessons are extremely popular. We offer these lessons on the first Monday of the month 5-7 pm and on the last Friday of the month 10 am to noon in 45 minute increments.

We continue to offer outreach to senior facilities and the schools. For the next few weeks we are hosting visits from the 1st grade classes. We give a tour of the Children's Room, read stories, help each child choose a book and ensure that each child has a library card so that everyone one can check out a book during that visit. The visits are very popular and enjoyed by the students, teachers and library staff.

2017's **One Town One Book** is Waking up White by Debby Irving. The wrap-up session is at the Congregational Church on Thursday November 3 at 6 pm. The library will host a group discussion on Thursday October 27 at 10 am.

Operating statement: The operating statement was discussed and accepted. The Building and Maintenance line was up due to replacing the carpets and replacing locks on many of the doors. The library's fiscal year is from January to December.

Building, Grounds and Technology:

- Hope has ordered more shelving for the Large Print and Mystery collections. It will be installed next week.
- Martha said that the website needs updating; she would like to see changes to the Catalog website. The subcommittee will get together to discuss this.

Finance and Fundraising:

- The Annual Appeal letter is not back from the printers yet. However, as soon as it comes in, Hope will contact the Trustees so that they can come in to write personal notes on some of the letters.
- Hope handed out a draft of the library's 2017 budget. She noted that there is no difference in public services this year. The only changes are in wages and benefits. This line will be higher this year because she has hired a full time staff member who will be receiving health benefits. Also, the other staff will be getting small step increases. Health and Workmen's Comp. benefits haven't been set yet so those lines will change as the year ends. The library is not unionized. The budget was accepted.

Long Range Plan: -0-

Personnel and Policy: -0-

Social: -0-

Continuing Business:

- The Friend's organizing group met on October 13. They are still in an organizing stage and, as such, will meet again in February, after the holidays.

New Business:

- There was a comment from a patron concerning how much she likes the new book room selection. Hope had cleaned out the room and put a completely different selection of books on the shelves. They are selling well.

Next Meeting November 15, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 7:18 pm.

Pam Darlington