

Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes
September 27, 2011

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

Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:31 pm.

The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted with one correction. Jim Battles was absent at that meeting.

Correspondence:

1. A thank you and a donation for bringing book talks to Riverwoods. They love the program.
2. A thank you note from a patron who is leaving the area and wanted us to know how much she likes the library, the programs and the staff.
3. A thank you note directed to the Children's Room for its excellent summer reading program.

Director's Report

At their September meetings, both the evening and morning book groups handed in their picks for 2012. Two separate lists with over 65 titles were the result. In October, 10 of the titles from each list will be selected for each group. The morning group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 am and the evening group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. In October, both groups will be watching the film versions of their October selections. The Picture of Dorian Gray will be shown at 6 pm on October 27th and My Fair Lady (based on Pygmalion) will be shown on October 25th at 10 am. In November, the morning group will read and discuss The Secret Life of Bees and the evening group will read and discuss Nickel and Dimed.

The teen summer program, "CU Around", was very busy with more than 600 books read and many teens attending the various programs. Sponsors for the teen summer reading were Exeter Bowling Lanes, Just the Wright Place, Memories, On the Vine, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, Twin Lanterns, Water Country and Water Street Books. Also two trustees generously presented great programs, Mexican Cooking with Jim Battles and Beading with Mary Lafreniere.

On October 8 at 9:30 am, the 6th grade book group will discuss Agnes Parker, Girl in Progress. Also on October 8 at 10:30 am, the 7/8th grade group will discuss, A White Darkness. As yet, we have not set a date for the high school group, which will discuss Speak. Summer Reading in the Children's Room "One World, Many Stories" was also successful with over 6,700 books read. All the special events were well attended and were enjoyed by a large number of children. These included a ceramic program with Barbara Young. The children's program was sponsored by Arnold's Bakery Thrift Store, Burnham Cleaners, Chocolatire, Clyde's Cupcakes, Exeter Bowling Lanes, Exeter Jewelers, Me& Ollie's Café, Puddlejumpers, Ruffner Real Estate, Rye Airfield, St. Anthony's Bakery, Stillwell's Riverwalk Ice Cream, Sully's Ice Cream, The Party People, To Your Art's Content, and Whirlygigs.

Sign ups have begun for the children's book groups will be ongoing until the groups are full. 2nd, 3rd, 4th/5th graders will be given their first book to read when they sign up. In order to accommodate the number of participants from last year, we will be offering 2 sessions of each book group. The PageTurners (4th/5th) and Dewey's Book Buds (3rd) will be meeting on the second Saturday of each month beginning October 8th either at 9:30 or 11:00 am. The Book Bunch (2nd) and Book and Art (1st) will meet the third Saturday of each month beginning October 15th at either 9:30 or 11:00 am.

In October the Page Turners are reading Love, Ruby Lavender and the Book Bunch are reading Hector Springs Loose and Dewey's Book Buds My Haunted House. The book for the book and Art group will be a surprise.

The Toddler LapSit and Preschool Story Time both got off to a great start. Both sessions of the Toddler LapSit program were filled immediately. Each session is limited to 10 toddlers and their ten caregivers. The program is held on Monday's at 9:30 and at 10:30 and each lasts approximately one-half hour with stories, songs and finger plays.

Eighty children have registered for the Preschool Story Time. The sessions are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. The theme for this session will be fall activities.

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.

Ongoing at the library Seabreeze Quilters Tuesdays 9AM-1PM, Morning knitting Thursdays 11AM-1PM and Night knitting circle Mondays 6-7:30PM.

Operating Statement: Accepted

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

Building, Grounds and Technology:

There will be new shelving extensions in the Children's Room and another row on the first floor in the large print area.

Fundraising & Finance:

Licia will write the annual appeal letter.

The new budget will show an increase in salaries and benefits, even though full time staff will pay a larger percentage of their pension cost. However, the selectmen are asking for a zero percent increase in all items. The trustees all agreed that a well-trained staff is very important to our library and, as such, will keep the salary step increases as they stand. The public services line will remain the same. The library will pay \$2000 a year for water also.

Personnel & Policy: -0-

Social: -0-

Continuing Business:

Hope reported that LibraryThing, a program that Kimberly wanted her to look at, would not work with our current automation system. When we get a new system, we will look at it further.

New Business:

Mary reported that a fundraiser will be held on February 12, 2012 in order to begin to make money for the new upgrade to our building. This will be called "A Sweet Taste of Exeter". Kimberly will be helping with soliciting items for the auction. Licia will help her. Save the date! The NH Downloadable Book consortium now has Kindle books.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 pm
Pam Darlington