

## **Exeter Public Library Trustees Minutes September 20, 2016**

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

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

**Correspondence:** -0-

### **Directors Report**

We kicked off summer with a picnic in the park, featuring face painting and a Jedi knight demonstration.

There were programs for all ages.

The Teen Summer Reading Program experimented with weekly themes; Movies, Crafting, Music, Food, Science Fiction, Harry Potter, Chocolate and Dystopia. We offered a movie program for teens this year entitled Movie & Munchies. The first movie was The Princess Bride, which also featured an interactive movie script encouraging teens to act out parts of the movie and eat certain foods when characters ate onscreen. This was a big hit. Another successful summer program was our Harry Potter Trivia Contest. Teens were sorted into Hogwarts houses and answered trivia questions to win prizes like Harry Potter pins, book plates and tickets to platform 9¾. The teens attending were so enthusiastic about this event that they requested a Percy Jackson trivia contest which we will host on October 19th at 2 pm, an early release day. One of our teen pages created an online slideshow of our Teen Summer Reading Program which we encouraged teens to view and share with their friends. The link to the slideshow is below:

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1B6QYSF21icL5UKAg2MX4cAj4Sjh7D97a8EiDdb\\_3C2s/edit](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1B6QYSF21icL5UKAg2MX4cAj4Sjh7D97a8EiDdb_3C2s/edit)

During the Children's Room summer reading program, children set weekly reading goals and kept track of them on logs. Each week, if they met their goal, they received a prize. Children in the 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> grades had the option of either doing this, or participating in *Bust-a-Book @The Movies*, where they read two books and watched the movie version to compare and contrast. The titles featured were Matilda and How to Train Your Dragon.

The Blue Ocean Society brought a full-sized blowup whale that was set up in the park. Children and parents could walk through the inside of the whale.

A weekly special program was available for families to attend. These included: Marine Science, (with the inflatable whale, Zoo Creatures, Raptors, Reptiles, and Mammals, Super Sock Puppets, Norman Ng's Magic Show, and our 23rd Annual Stuffed Pet Show.

Drop-in Arts & Crafts and Story Times were available throughout the summer and were well attended.

Summer Outreach at the Exeter Rec Summer Adventure Camp, Teen Adventure Camp and Great Bay Action Kids Summer Camp was held again this summer. Over 600 books given to the campers in all groups. All children, teens, counselors (and from the counselors, parents as well!) were excited week after week to see the Library at camp. Books were discussed with all ages.

This fall as usual, the Assistant Children's Services librarian will visit Great Bay Action Club, an after-school program for school-aged children to chat about books. At the same time, she will pass out gently used books for the children to keep.

For October we will offer a Halloween Project, Saturday, October 22 at 1 pm for children ages 5 and up. Create your own spooky glow-in-the-dark paintings with artist Peter Simeti, an author and artist. All materials are included. Sign-up is required.

Family Story Times are Monday at 11 am and Preschool Story Times are Tuesday and Thursday at 10 am and 2 pm and Wednesday at 10 am. Drop in arts and crafts are now three days a week, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting at 11 am. Children's book groups begin in October. Book & Art is for children who are age 6 by September, Book Bunch is for children age 7 by September. They will read Grin and Bear it. Dewey's Book Buds is for children age 8 by September and they will read Pirate Pig. The Page-Turners is for children ages 9 /10 and they will read Floors.

In September our Adult book groups returned from their summer hiatus. The Evening Book Group discussed Joseph Heller's classic Catch-22, just in time for Banned Book week. On September 21st the Morning Book Group will discuss Chad Harbach's The Art of Fielding. September and October are exciting months for the book groups because they mark our selection months for next year's calendar. In September members receive a list of all the books recommended for the 2017 calendar and in October the official vote is held. The Morning Book Group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10 am and the Evening Book Group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Our monthly movies are the first Monday of the month at 1 pm. We are adding an additional monthly movie series, Armchair Travel, beginning on September 26 at 1 pm. The movie will be Over New England.

We now offer Tech Teach, a free one-on-one technology lesson on the first Monday and the last Friday of the month.

Our fall music series is in full swing with Simons and Goodwin, an acoustic folk duo, performing on October 4 at 3 pm.

The kick-off event for 2017's **One Town One Book** Waking up White by Debby Irving will begin September 21 at 7PM at The Water Street Bookstore. Join in a town-wide discussion to address racism and what practical steps we can take to implement positive change. The library will host a group discussion on Thursday October 27 at 10 am. All library programs are free and open to the public.

**Operating statement:** The operating statement was accepted. Hope said there is nothing unusual for this time of year.

**Building, Grounds and Technology:**

- The rug has been replaced on the main floor of the library.
- Someone has been looking at the front walkway. He will be cleaning it up and resealing some of the areas.

**Finance and Fundraising:**

- After a detailed discussion of the Annual Appeal letter, a revised letter will be written. The letter will be ready for mailing by the next Trustee's meeting.

**Long Range Plan:** -0-

**Personnel and Policy:** -0-

**Social:** -0-

**Continuing Business:**

- There will be a Friend's organizing meeting on September 29 at 10 am. One person wanted to have a night meeting but most people wanted a day time meeting.

**New Business:**

- Martha asked that the Trustees review the Donations Policy. This will be done in committee.
- Martha had a compliment about the writing group led by Robin Lent. Robin said the group was going well and that two people so far had been published.

**Next Meeting October 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm.** There will be a Closed Session either before or after the public meeting to discuss a personnel issue.

Meeting Adjourned 7:25 pm.

Pam Darlington