

Library Trustees Meeting 5-10-23
Final Minutes

Present: Beth Reynolds, Cyrie Lange, Jen Johnson, Diane Sherman, Stacey Dunham, Charlotte Williams
PM

Minutes: Diane moved, Stacey seconded, to approve the April minutes as written. Unanimous approval.

Librarian's Report
5.10.2023

Events/ Displays:

Take and Make: Butterflies This month we have patterned cut out butterflies and origami paper for people to create a wreath or a mobile or just place them in fun spots around the house. I don't know that this is as popular as some of the others but I think they look quite beautiful when you have a grouping of them.

Garden Book and Seed Swap. We didn't have anyone come on the day, but we've had about 33 people take books and or seeds from the display. We have maybe 10 books left, and we'll just put those in the Booksale.

Bee Talk. Sponsored by The Friends, this was very fun and informative. We had 25 people attend. I've reached out to the VT Center for Ecostudies to see about doing a Citizen Science event here this summer since this was so well attended.

Poetry with Alan Haehnel. Such a fun night, as Alan was very engaging. We had 16 people attend and everyone seemed to have a good time, with perhaps a new appreciation for poetry being performed rather than just being recited.

Preschool Storytime. The first class came for a read aloud last week. I gave them a quick tour of the Library, let them ask some questions and then I read them three stories about chicks since they are hatching eggs in their class. The second class will come over on May 18.

Farm Art. Vital Communities is sponsoring a traveling art exhibit this summer that features farmers from the Upper Valley. We'll have four paintings on display in July, including one featuring Ben & Danielle at Rte 5 Farm.

Solar Eclipse Glasses. Hartland Library reached out to us since they had received a grant that included the stipulation they share their resources with a few other libraries. We have 75 pairs and we'll do something with them this October and next April when the solar eclipses take place.

Meetings:

I met with Ashley Doolittle from Dartmouth, who works with the Social Impact program. I said that we would be interested in working with a class willing to help us recreate the website, and that we'd like to work with a class to help us with volunteers and social media. I tried to stress that the goal is for the students to create something helpful and not something that requires even more effort on my part. I think we'll hear back with specifics later in August.

The One Card group is meeting on Monday, May 15. I can't attend but I will be getting the notes and will have a chance to follow up on anything that seems relevant.

The Librarians of the Upper Valley are meeting on Monday May 22. I won't be able to attend but I'll be sure to get information from that meeting as well. The group is without a chair, so the focus now really seems to be on resource sharing. I'll take the DVDS and CDs that we have to Bradford next week.

Friends

They are hosting the Booksale on July 4. They will be accepting donations for a few specified hours the week before. And I have made it abundantly clear that they will need to take whatever books remain when it's all done.

They are going to renew the attraction passes to VINS and the Fairbanks.

They are also going to buy the books we need for the Vermont Book Award: Red Clover (grades k-3), Golden Dome (grades 4-8) and Green Mountain (grades 9-12).

Projects for the next few months:

CLIF grant. I'm going to follow up with Courtney at the school to see where they are in regards to the letters of support. I have one already that I can submit. I have a few questions for the grant that I can't answer, I will pass them along to Courtney and then circle back that we have everything before we need to submit on May 20. Fingers crossed.

Finalizing plans for summer. I have a tentative plan for all of the events for the Summer Reading Program. I want to make sure they aren't conflicting with anything they have planned in Orford or Bradford. We'll have the kick off here on Tuesday June 20. The wrap up will possibly be Sunday August 20 with a potluck dinner. I have a movie, an art event, a graphic novel swap, 6 weeks of storytimes and the Draw Together activity at Town Hall mapped out on the calendar. Also the Ice Cream Social and possibly a presentation for Citizen Science.

Misc:

Adding the Palace App. I did fill out the survey about adding the Palace App for our patrons which would give them more access to downloads. There's another form I need to fill out and I hope to do that this week. There's also a recorded webinar that I can watch. I will reach out to Josh at the VT Dept of Libraries and see what else I need to do to get this up and running.

Magazines. I put out the word that we might be stopping our subscription to People magazine. It's \$100 and I don't think we have the checkouts to justify that. Someone reached out and offered to donate their People magazine and also Yankee and possibly the New Yorker. I think those will all be welcome additions to the magazine fixture.

Patron stories:

Many of our seasonal patrons are returning and I've been catching up with many of them over the last 2 weeks.

We recently had an older patron come back to the library very excited for the Large Print section. I let her know that we are still borrowing several titles every other month from the VT Dept of Libraries.

Door Count April 2023: 438	412
Items Circulated: 531	710
New Patrons: 1	7
Outreach/Curbside: 1	0
Ref: 120	126
Computer Use: 48	36
Wifi: 86	71
Overdrive: checkouts, 113 holds 80	136/94
Adult Program: 3 Attendance: 58	
Teen Program: 0 Attendance: 0	
Children's Program: 3 Attendance: 29	
Mags: 0 Puzzles/ Games: 1	
Attraction Passes: 3	0
ILL In: 34	33
ILL Out: 13	16

Additional notes: Courtney school librarian will plan to write a letter of support for the CLIF grant. Beth is worried because few children come by after school. Perhaps a parent might be willing to supervise a small lego group or something, one day a week after school. Thursday mornings at 10:00-11:00 at the Town Hall, to start at the end of June and run through the end of August, Beth will have a story hour followed by a drawing class for kids of all ages called "Draw

Together". The poetry program and bee program both were well attended and much appreciated.

Treasurer's Report: We have already spent 80% of our fuel oil budget. Otherwise, spending is pretty much on target.

FLEP Report

Library building assessment will be on the SelectBoard agenda Monday May 15. Bill Nourse from Engineering Solutions will be present by Zoom.

At the meeting on Monday, we should mention surveying the property line.

Other Business

Beth will talk with Lisa about how to handle the summer assistant hiring.

Next Meeting

Wednesday June 14th at 7:00 PM

Adjournment

8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Williams, Secretary/Treasurer