

Deep River Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
February 9, 2009

A.C. Proctor called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Other members present were: John Bairos, Wendie Colvin, Louise Cowen, Roy Jefferson, Nancy King, Peggy Maraschiello, Angie Marion, Library Director Ann Paietta
Absent: Michelle Emfinger (excused)

Minutes of the January meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Louise reported that we received money from the State for having completed "the required report." She put the money in the money market. The Friends promised a check soon. Connecticut money will be coming. She said that two service centers (Middletown and Wallingford) have been closed. The report was read and accepted.

Library Director's Report: January was busier than at this time last year, which Ann attributed to the lending of more DVDs and the high price of books. Volunteer hours are down. The Mensa Society wants to use the Community Room on a Saturday morning to give the Mensa test and will contribute a donation to the library.

Budget: The budget has been submitted to the Town, keeping our requests the same as last year's. A request was made that the ceiling of the third floor be replaced.

Old Business:

Wendie inquired about the Farmers' Market. They don't want to use the parking lot, but perhaps the Veterans Memorial Way could be used.

Roy reported that the stairway mural will not be mounted permanently and will be put up by Town Hall crew helpers. Angie will call Dick Smith to urge him to have this work done as the school children are eager to see their artwork at the library.

Roy is putting up the permanent art collection for a couple of months.

A.C. suggested having a committee to plan the celebration for the Excellence in Public Service Award for 2009 received by the library, including, perhaps, a power point presentation of the history of the library and what we do. Sophie Marion might be just the person to put this together for us, said her mother. Roy also suggested having a montage of pictures of all the Art Shows. The award will be given on Thursday afternoon, April 30.

Landscaping Phase II will be started in the spring.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy King, Secretary

Next Meeting: March 9, 2009

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Librarian's Report**

Circulation:

4,752 items circulated in January.

Computer Use:

The Library averaged 18 users per day.

Volunteers: (December)

Sue Huybensz 8.5 hours

Nancy King 10.5 hours

Pat Risinit 6 hours

Total Hours: 25 hours

Book Discussions:

Day Group

1pm

Third Wednesday of the Month

January 21 *Moral Hazard* by Kate Jennings

February 18 *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

March 10 Play TBA

Highlights/Notes:

- Family Night of pizza and a movie continues
- Music with Margie continues on Wednesday in January
- Career Express bus will be here on Friday March 20
- Christine Woodside will be speaking on energy independence on Wednesday March 25 at 7:30pm
- Annual bookmark contest with a green theme this March
- Picturing American reprints are hanging near the elevator
- AARP/Estuary Council will be offering tax help again
- American Girl Doll Essay Contest
- Martial Arts demo in Feb and March after school
- Baby sign returns in April on Saturdays
- The library will receive the 2009 Excellence in Public Library Service award on Thursday April 30
- Special book discussion for kids in April
- Summer Reading Theme: **Be Creative @ at your library**