

Deep River Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
May 11, 2009

A.C. Proctor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other members present were:
John Bairos, Louise Cowen, Michelle Emfinger, Roy Jefferson, Nancy King,
Angie Marion, Library Director Ann Paietta
Absent: Peggy Maraschiello

Jim Davis was welcomed as the new Board member to replace Wendie Colvin.

Minutes of the April meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: The report was accepted as presented. Louise said we need to get through May and June before we run out of funds. We expect another \$2,700 from the Liberty Bank CD. It was noted that we don't get as much money as we used to from the Friends of the Library and that they don't seem to be taking advantage of opportunities to raise money (such as signing up for contributions from the Essex Savings Bank, which has always been done in the past). We are grateful that contributions in memory of Fred Hellmers have been asked to be made to the library.

A.C. suggested placing a proactive article in the Deep River news. Angie suggested that her daughter Sophie write a human interest article for the next issue about creating the Powerpoint presentation for the Excellence in Library Service award celebration.

Michelle suggested explaining ways to "Support Your Library" on the web page, such as donating books, money, and volunteer time.

Correspondence: A note will be sent to Sophie Marion thanking her for the Powerpoint presentation. Also sympathy notes will be sent to Susan Oehl and Pat Hellmers for the loss of their spouses.

Library Director's Report: Ann reported a busy month. Amnesty week did not result in the return of very many books though. There was discussion about the Enfield Paranormal Society's return visit which lasted until 4:00 a.m.(! poor Ann), with no feedback to us as yet.

Committees:

Building and Grounds: Roy reported that the walls have been measured for wainscoting in the Community Room. There is surveying for the streetscape/walk up to the front door being performed. A.C. to call the Town Hall to get a sprinkler system installed for the front lawn.

Exhibits: Roy said there will be another opening in July with Chris Gann and a friend presenting a landscape show.

New Business:

John will look into getting WiFi for the library

A.C. and Roy will arrange to get the mural up.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy King, Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: June 8, 2009

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Librarian's Report**

Circulation:

4,851 items circulated in April.

Computer Use:

The Library averaged 20 users per day.

Volunteers: (April)

Sue Huybensz 6 hours

Nancy King 6.5 hours

Pat Risinit 8 hours

Roberta Ziobron 23 hours

Total Hours: 43.5 hours

Book Discussions:

**Day Group
1pm**

Third Wednesday of the Month

March 18 Play *Harvey*

April 15 *The Geographer's Library*

May 20 *Hummingbird House*

Highlights/Notes:

- Family Night of pizza and a movie continues
- Music with Margie continues on Wednesday
- Annual bookmark contest with a green theme; winner in the process of being selected

- Amnesty Week was held in April
- Baby sign returned in April on Saturdays
- Paranormal Talk was held April 17 at 7:30pm
- Enfield Paranormal Research Society investigated the library on May 2
- Land Trust held a bluebird day on Saturday April 25
- The library received the 2009 Excellence in Public Library Service award on Thursday April 30. The sign has generated lots of interest.
- Jane Hall has her artwork displayed upstairs in the locked cabinet.
- Ann will be attending BookExpo in May
- Foreign Film Series Fridays in May
- The Library is part of the Ecofest being held at MCC on Sunday May 17
- In the fall library will accept canned food in lieu of fines for a few weeks for food pantry in DR
- The library will be hosting an electric car meeting in July
- Summer Reading Theme: **Be Creative @ at your library**
 - Kick-off program by DB Magic on July 10 at 6:30pm and later**
 - Ronald McDonald It's Booktime on July 15 at 11am**
 - Music with Margie on Thursday mornings in summer**
 - Special kid events on cooking, and etc.**