

Deep River Public Library

Board of Trustees

May 11, 2015 Minutes

Present: Jim Davis, Michelle Emfinger, Roy Jefferson, Rolf Peterson, AC Proctor, Pat Risinit, Pattie Unan

Absent: Louise Cowen, Susan Rooney, Peggy Marschiello

Call to order: 7:02 by Michelle Emfinger

Audience of citizens: None

Approval of minutes: April 13, 2015 approved

Treasurers Report: Reviewed and accepted

Correspondence: None

Library Director's Report:

April circulation stats up: 2,492 vs 2,432 in 2014, a 2.46% increase. Our new people counter has yielded surprising results - an average of 106 people per day visiting the library.

May programs include Music with Margie, a talk on the CT River by historian Kelvin Cole, a DRES book club ceremony in the garden and 3 story times per week, as well as a new PJ storytime on Wednesdays.

Due to state cut-backs we will suspend the reQuest program as of May 15. It will still be possible to borrow books from other libraries but will take much longer. Presently ILL's represent 11% of our stats.

Committee Reports:

Budget: The Board of Finance has denied our request for both a children's librarian and increase in our operating budget. We will remain at the same amount as the past few years. Michelle, Susan, Pat and AC attended the recent budget hearing; Susan and Michelle urged the BOF to reconsider.

Hospitality: Mad Hatter's Garden Party fundraiser is being planned for Sunday, July 26 from 4 to 7, partnering with the DR Garden Club. Monies raised will benefit the Children's Reading Garden and grounds. It was suggested that a sprinkler system be our first purchase.

Technology: Content-blocking software recommendation by Dale Winchell will be reviewed by the committee

Adjournment: 7:50 pm

Next scheduled meeting is June 8, 2015

Submitted by
AC Proctor, Secretary