

Etna Library  
Board of Trustees  
Minutes from July 15, 2015

**Present:** E. Cornell, K. Wilson, G. Boitnott, B. Prince

June minutes approved

**Librarian's report** – Barbara presented tables and graphs comparing attendance and circulation at the Etna Library with other small NH libraries. Compared to these other libraries we offer many children's programs and our children's book circulation numbers are high.

**Old Business:**

*New Hampshire Libraries Statistics Trends* – See above librarian's report.

*Library Services Value Calculator* – Barbara presented the "Library Use Value Calculator" provided by the New Hampshire Library Association. This spreadsheet calculates how much services offered by a library would cost in the private sector (or the value of library usage). The calculated worth of Etna Libraries services is almost \$150,000.

*Book Bags* – Report postponed till after summer vacation.

*In Loving Memory of Kay Olsen* – An Adirondack chair and 4 pairs of binoculars (3 children's and 1 adult) have been purchased with gift money. It has been decided not to purchase backpacks. We discussed using the remaining funds to the purchase planters for in front of the library.

*Librarians of the Upper Valley Meeting* – The next meeting will be here at the Etna Library on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-2PM.

*Etna Library Summer Party* – The "Color Party", a cooperative teen project hosted by the Etna Library and Tuck's Rock Dojo, will be this Sunday from 5-7PM. There will be 3 or 4 bands performing and colors ("colored cornstarch powder paints") for the teens to enjoy. We are considering face painting for the younger children. The library will supply pizzas for the bands and watermelon and lemonade for all.

**New Business:**

*Garden Club Flowers* – Barbara will communicate with William Desch, town of Hanover urban forester, to talk about appropriate plantings. We will be looking for volunteers to prepare the soil in the front of the library so that the Hanover Garden Club can plant around the library's foundation.

*Gift Money for Children's Room* – After further thought, it was decided that the purchase of a bean bag chair is not a good use of this gift. We discussed other items that might be purchased: a small bookcase appropriate for displaying children's books, a picnic table, or magnifying glasses. Further discussion will follow.

*Plaques for Adirondack chairs* – We still need to decide on an appropriate way to display plaques in honor of Geraldine North and in memory of Kay Olsen on our new Adirondack chairs.

**Date for Next Trustee meeting** – Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Ginger Boitnott