

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Pauline Caron, Robert Collins, William Feldmann, John Velliquette and William Bringham. Also in attendance: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Library Director; Sally Nelson, Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services; Kathy Mague, Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services; and Joe Green, Town Council Liaison.

Public Comment:

John Velliquette asked Town Council Liaison, Joe Green for his feedback regarding his information sharing with the Town Council. Joe Green mentioned that he shared the Board's concerns with his fellow councilors. The Board thanked Joe Green for bringing their issues to the Town Council.

William Feldmann arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for February 1, 2012 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

The Friends met on February 13 and elected their new officers. Maureen White is the new president and Kims Bringham is the vice president. Around Mother's Day the Friends plan on selling the remaining bracelets and possibly home-made decorative soap. The Friends will meet with Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp to determine what money will be donated to the library. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

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Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Sandi Hoffman donated a copy of her book Kenzie and the Pest to the children's room.

A **motion** was made by Robert Collins to accept the gifts. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Programs –

- On Thursday, February 9, 2012, the library had the program “Dr. Sherlock Holmes” with Professor James Krasner. 74 participants attended the program.
- On Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer “Edible Landscape Design” with Barbara Emerson. This PowerPoint presentation will explore how to integrate vegetables, herbs and edible flowers into ornamental gardens to enrich the texture and fragrance, and to create an edible landscape. Ms. Emerson will also discuss how container combinations can be used to grow delicious food and look beautiful for those without a large garden space. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring the program.
- On Thursday, April 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., the library will present “Casey Abrams in Concert”. Acoustic jazz and folk guitarist Casey Abrams will perform his own songs as well as works by traditional American writers from the folk tradition up through the Twentieth century. Throughout the performance, the audience will learn how American music has developed, as well as how musical forms have influenced one another over the years, as he plays songs from across the decades. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring the program.
- On Thursday, May 10, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host “All About Whales” with the Seacoast Science Center. This program will feature various facts about whales, including the types of whales that are found in the waters of New England. The discussion will cover the sizes of various types of whales as well as the differences between these types, such as having teeth or baleen. In addition, the story of Tofu, a young humpback whale who lived in the Gulf of Maine, will be presented. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring the program.

Announcements -

- The elevator passed its inspection on February 22, 2012. We have not received the certificate yet.

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- In order to address a need for space in certain areas of the collection, the first part of a materials reorganization has been completed, with special thanks going to Megan Donovan for her work. We are now waiting for some new shelving to be delivered to complete it.
- The flat part of the roof is leaking. Steve Cotton arranged for a roofer to come and look at the problem. He will be returning tomorrow in an attempt to patch the leak.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- During the month of February, a total of 28,651 materials were circulated for an increase of 16.6% over February 2011, as well as an additional 975 downloadable audio books and e-books.
- A total of 817 participants took part in 20 Children's Room programs and activities this February. The new *Passport to Adventure* program for families has been very popular, with up to 54 attendees at a meeting. Be sure to consider signing up for this exciting program in Spring Session 1. Sign up for all Spring Session 1 programs begins Monday, March 12.
- Come and celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday at the library on Monday, March 12 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. when we host *Explore the World of Dr. Seuss* with stories and a short movie. This program is open to 90 participants and advance registration is required. To register, call 603-432-1127, or stop by the Children's Room beginning Monday, March 5.
- The subject of the Spotlight Display in the Children's Room, that each month highlights books from different areas of the collection, is *Explore Dr. Seuss*. Stop by and check out some of our Dr. Seuss materials that will provide some whales of tails and miles of smiles.
- The Children's Room is pleased to welcome the W.I.L.D Center and Zoological Park of New England with their program *Exotic Animal Encounter* on Monday, March 19 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come to the library and visit with an Arctic Fox, Bennett's Wallaby and Giant Tortoise, plus an exotic bird and more. This program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration for this thrilling encounter is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 12. To register, call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The Reference staff answered 840 questions in February and 103 directional questions. We logged 573 people onto the Internet.
- We have found a less expensive and a more comprehensive database than our current Ref USA which will expire next week. This new product is called AtoZdatabases, a reference and marketing databank that includes 30 million

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business profiles & 220 million residents. This is ideal for sales leads, mailing lists, market research, employment opportunities, finding friends and relatives, and much more.

- This month's display is all about rural life and back to basics living. We have books on farming and hunting such as Kurt Timmermeister's Growing a farmer: how I learned to live off the land, Girl hunter: revolutionizing the way we eat, one hunt at a time, or Cabin: two brothers, a dream and five acres in Maine, by Lou Ureneck, all published in 2011. Also on display are works of fiction, such as Cold Comfort Farm, stories from the New Hampshire storyteller Rebecca Rule and the Foxfire books that contain such things as wild plant foods, butter churns, log cabin building, midwifery, making dulcimers, spinning and weaving, and "more affairs of plain living".

Non Public Session:

Enter Non Public Session

Vice Chair Betsy McKinney requested a roll call vote to enter Non Public Session pursuant RSA 91-A:3 II, subparagraph (a), the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

Roll Call Vote: Aye, Pauline Caron; Aye, William Feldmann; Aye, Robert Collins; Aye, Betsy McKinney; Aye John Velliquette; Aye, William Bringham.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to allow Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp to attend non public session as the subject pertains. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

The Board entered Non Public Session at 7:47 p.m.

Exit Non Public Session

Vice Chair Betsy McKinney requested a motion to exit Non Public Session. William Feldmann made a **motion** at 8:13 p.m. to exit Non Public Session. The **motion was seconded** by Pauline Caron. Board's **vote** 6-0-0.

A **motion** was made by William Feldmann to accept the recommendation of the library staff. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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A **motion** was made at 8:14 p.m. by Pauline Caron to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Notes by: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Sally Nelson, Kathy Mague

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson

Date: March 7, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services