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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Robert Collins, Carol Introne, Melissa Coffey and John Curran. Also in attendance: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Library Director; Sally Nelson, Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services; and Kathy Mague, Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services.

**Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's Report for November 6, 2013 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Robert Collins to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Carol Introne. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

**Director's Report:**

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Janice Spina donated a copy of her books Louey the Lazy Elephant and Ricky the Rambunctious Raccoon to the library.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, November 14, 2013, the library held a concert with “Banjos and Old Lace” starring Sarah Jane Nelson and Bob Phillipps. 63 individuals attended the program.
- On Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host “Treasures of the Vatican”. This slideshow lecture will feature great works of art commissioned and collected by popes and belonging to the Patrimony of St. Peter, and will be presented by the ever popular Dr. Andrew Laurie Stangel, Professor of Art History and Civilization, UNH Manchester.
- On Thursday, February 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer “Songs of Old New Hampshire” with Jeff Warner. The program draws heavily on the repertoire of traditional singer Lena Bourne Fish of Jaffrey and Temple, New Hampshire. Mr. Warner offers the songs and stories that, in the words of Carl Sandburg, tell

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us “where we came from and what brought us along.” These ballads, love songs and comic pieces reveal the experiences and emotions of daily life in the days before movies, sound recordings and, for some, books. Songs from the lumber camps, the decks of sailing ships, the textile mills and the war between the sexes offer views of pre-industrial New England and a chance to hear living artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries.

- On Thursday, March 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have “Bird watching in New Hampshire” presented by Eric Masterson. In this presentation, Mr. Masterson focuses on the when of finding the more than 300 species of birds that occur annually in New Hampshire. He will share anecdotes from the field, including a few that illustrate the ultimate question, why we go birding. This audiovisual presentation will focus on making sure you don’t miss that special moment, be it a flight of hawks in Hancock, or a collection of storm-grounded water birds along the Connecticut River.
- On Thursday, April 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have “Abbot & Downing and the Concord Coach” by Peter James. Mr. James will conduct a multimedia presentation about the history of the Abbot and Downing Company over its approximately 100 years of active existence in Concord, New Hampshire. Included in the presentation will be photographs and descriptions of all of the remaining Concord Coaches which are located in New Hampshire. This program is being sponsored by the Londonderry Historical Society.
- On Thursday, May 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the library welcomes Josh Judge who will present “Forecasting for TV”. In his presentation, WMUR Meteorologist Mr. Judge discusses what it is like to forecast New Hampshire weather in combination with how it ties in with forecasting on live television. His talk focuses on how meteorologists prepare to forecast, develop the forecast, and he will highlight the tools used for computer models and forecasting data. Mr. Judge will demonstrate this live on the internet. Then he explains how they use that data to get ready for the show. The presentation also incorporates video of how green screen works. Audience members will also be treated to a behind the scenes look at WMUR.

### Announcements -

- The first public hearing on the budget will be December 16, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room in Town Hall.

### **Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:**

- There were 751 participants took part in 13 Children’s Room programs and activities. Of particular interest was the Stupendous Mr. Magichead with 86 excited attendees, and Harvest Book Bingo with 80 attendees.
- On Monday, December 9, 2013, the Children’s Room invites attendees to visit with Pete the Cat, star of the Ladybug Award winning *Pete the Cat: I love my*

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*white shoes*. Come and enjoy stories and a song and the chance to stay for a hug and photo with our big blue friend. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and began on Monday, December 2. To register, please call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

- The first half of Winter Session 1 programs, Story Time, Shake, Move and Read, and Toddler Time will run from December 11 through December 19. The second half runs after the New Year from January 8 through January 16. Advance registration is required and began on Monday, December 2. To register, please call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

**Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:**

- We answered 1,017 reference questions and had 214 directional transactions in November. We logged 524 people onto the Internet.
- Our Aviation display is located on the small table near the Online Catalog. Note the progress the world has made since the Wright Brother's first flight. Newer selections of aviation books that the library owns include History of Flight: from the Flying Machines of Leonardo Da Vinci to the Conquest of Space, The Aviators: Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle, Charles Lindberg, and the Epic Age of Flight, and Falling Upwards: How We Took to the Air.

William Feldmann arrived at 7:07 p.m.

**Old Business:**

- Staff holiday luncheon  
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp stated that she talked with Pauline Caron to discuss the holiday luncheon and chose Monday, December 9, 2013 as the date. Melissa Coffey reported that she contacted both Papa Gino's and Checkmate Pizza and obtained information about pizzas and salads. A discussion ensued and the decision was made to order from Checkmate Pizza.

**New Business:**

- 2014 meeting schedule  
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp stated that the Board should be able to meet the first Wednesday in 2014 except for January 1. This meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 8.
- Inclement weather policy  
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed copies of the Inclement Weather Policy for the current year.

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A **motion** was made by Carol Introne to accept the change in the policy. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

A **motion** was made at 7:22 p.m. by John Curran to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson

Date: December 6, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson  
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services