

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Pauline Caron. The following board members were in attendance: Robert Collins, Betsy McKinney, and Melissa Coffey. 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.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for February 6, 2013 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Betsy McKinney to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Melissa Coffey. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

Pauline Caron reported that the Friends canceled their meeting due to a snow storm.

The next Friends meeting is March 11, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Mr. Andrew Marzik donated the following items for the train set: Thomas the Tank Engine, Percy and the Storybook Car, Henry with Tender, Flora the Tram Car, Giggling Troublesome Trucks, Annie & Clarabel and The Circus Train.

William Feldmann arrived at 7:12 p.m.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, February 21, 2013, Mr. J.T. Turner starred in "The Adventures of Benjamin Franklin". 99 participants attended the program!
- On Thursday, March 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Henry Homeyer will present "Growing Great Flowers in New Hampshire, Including Old Favorites and Lesser

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- Known Beauties”. Mr. Homeyer discusses how to grow the flowers he highlights in his presentation, in addition to tackling common gardening issues.
- On Thursday, April 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host a concert with “Slattery & Stewart”. Andrew Stewart and Mary Jo Slattery play the exuberant soulful two-steps and waltzes of Cajun Louisiana, the upbeat fiddle tunes of French Canada and New England, and the occasional mountain ballad.
 - On Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., Ms. Ann Welsh, UNH Cooperative Extension Volunteer, will present “New Hampshire’s Wild History: 350 Years of NH Wildlife”. This program takes participants on a virtual journey through New Hampshire’s past and focuses on changes in the land and how wildlife populations have responded over time.

Announcements -

- On February 5, 2013, Steve Cotton replaced the broken front doorbell.
- On February 8, 2013, the elevator passed its inspection. We received the certificate from the State of New Hampshire and it has been posted in the elevator.
- On February 25, 2013, two radiators failed to function. Steve Cotton was emailed, and a technician came out and was able to repair them.
- On February 25, 2013, a burning smell was coming from a light fixture in the children’s workroom. Steve Cotton contacted an electrician to resolve the issue.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- During the month of February, a total of 30,078 materials were circulated.
- There were 852 individuals participated in 19 Children’s Room programs and activities.
- *Sweetheart Book Bingo* was popular with 90 participants, and *The Magic of Books* also entertained 90 participants.
- Come to the library on Monday, March 11 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and celebrate all things Irish when the library hosts a céilí. This program is open to 90 participants and advance registration is required and it began on Monday, March 4. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children’s room.
- The W.I.L.D Center & Zoological Park of New England will be at the library on Monday, March 25 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Come to the library and visit with a Grey Cuscus and a Green Wing Macaw, among other fascinating live animals. This program is open to 90 participants and advance registration is required, beginning on Monday, March 18. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children’s room beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 11.

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Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The reference staff answered 908 reference questions and 72 directional questions in February. We logged 540 people onto the Internet.
- The reference staff conducted three computer help sessions this month. Some of the topics included were an introduction to the Internet, learning about browsers, tool bars, search engines, emailing, and the basics of Microsoft Word.
- Every year there is a little Irish in most of us on March 17. We have on display this month Irish music and culture so that you can fully appreciate what it means to be Irish.

New Business:

- Vacant Board Position
Chair Pauline Caron thanked William Feldmann for agreeing to remain on the Board for one more year to fill the remainder of the vacant position. She will send a letter to the Town Council requesting his appointment.
- Boston College Request for Installation of Seismograph
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed a letter from Boston College asking the Leach Library to consider housing a seismograph. The Board was also invited to tour the Weston Observatory to learn more about the process. This seismograph requires more space than the library has available, and it would also require funding, so Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp does not recommend that the Board moves forward with the request. Pauline Caron directed Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp to send a letter from the Board thanking Boston College for thinking of the Leach Library but informing them that we are declining the offer.

A **motion** was made at 7:25 p.m. by Betsy McKinney 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: March 6, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services