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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Pauline Caron, William Feldmann, 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 May 1, 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 William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

**Friend's Report:**

Pauline Caron reported that the Friends have donated money for the September, October, and November adult programs. They discussed the ongoing Cakeless Bake Sale. There are no meetings in July and August but the Friends will be setting up the bulb sale in August.

The next Friends meeting is June 10, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.

**Director's Report:**

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library have donated \$1,018 to sponsor the September, October and November 2013 adult programs.
- The Molly Reid Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution donated a subscription to American Spirit magazine.

A **motion** was made by John Curran to accept the gifts. The **motion was seconded** by Carol Introne. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Programs –

- On Thursday, May 9, 2013, the library held the program "New Hampshire's Wild History: 350 Years of NH Wildlife". 24 participants attended the program.

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- On Thursday, September 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have “Alaska Wilderness: Canoe Journey into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge” with Marcia and Mark Wilson. Marcia and Mark Wilson are authors, photographers, and naturalists who specialize in natural history shows featuring live owls which are cared for by the presenters. In “Alaska Wilderness” they will share the story of the 19 days they spent canoeing the wild Canning River on the eastern edge of the Arctic Refuge. With stunning photos and passionate commentary drawn from this trip and six other visits to the arctic, the Wilsons open a window on Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and its summer energy. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring this program.
- On Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host Chris Daley’s “Haunted History of New England”. Author and presenter Chris Daley’s one hour slide presentation melds historical fact together with legend and myth to produce an interesting and fascinating new look at events that really happened and the stories of haunting that followed them. The topics to be addressed in the lecture will be Mercy Brown "The Vampire" of Exeter Rhode Island, The Cursed Freetown State Forest, The Haunted Hoosac Tunnel in Western Massachusetts, The Ghosts of the Lizzie Borden House in Fall River Massachusetts, The Ghosts of King Philip's War: Nine Men's Misery, the Mount Washington Hotel in New Hampshire, Giles Corey and the Curse of Salem, Burial Hill in Plymouth Massachusetts and the John Alden House in Duxbury Massachusetts. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring this program.
- On Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host a concert with “Banjos and Old Lace” starring Sarah Jane Nelson and Bob Phillipps. Banjos & Old Lace perform classic banjo pieces for piano and banjo as well as Old Time southern tunes for fiddle and guitar. Mr. Phillipps is a regular feature at coffee houses throughout Massachusetts, and has been a first place winner at the Lowell Banjo & Fiddle Contest in recent years. Ms. Nelson is also a member of the Gypsy Minor dance band and can be heard at barn dances and folk festivals across New England. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring this program.

### Announcements -

- Steve Cotton has hired Drouin Construction to repair the wood rot and library pillars. The work started on June 4, 2013.
- On Thursday, June 13, 2013, the Town is having a quarterly meeting and barbeque for the employees and the library staff has been invited. The library staff will be providing beverages and will take it in turns to attend during their lunch break.
- The summer reading programs started sign ups on Saturday, June 1 and the staff is really excited about the wonderful programs and the enthusiastic response from patrons. The adult program has already signed up 82 participants, the Young Adult program has signed up 85 participants, and the children’s program has signed up 168 participants, for a total of 335 participants.

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

- A total of 2,403 participants took part in 22 Children's Room programs and activities this May.
- The subject of the Spotlight Display in the Children's Room, that each month highlights books from different areas of the collection, is *Dig Into Reading*, the theme of this year's Children's Summer Reading Program. Stop by and check out some of our materials on all sorts of underground facts and stories.
- Sign-up for the Young Adult and Children's Summer Reading Programs has begun. I have begun visiting the High School and Middle School, and Jennifer DelVillar, Senior Children's Librarian, has begun visiting the Kindergarten and elementary schools to promote the summer reading programs.
- On Monday, June 10 from 4:00-5:00 p.m., the Children's Room will be hosting the Rainforest Reptile Shows' *Fantastic Frogs* program. Possible live visitors may include an American Bullfrog, a Pacman toad, and a Cane toad. This program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 3. To register, call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.
- The library will be starting off this year's Children's Summer Reading Program with a visit from Froggy. Participants are invited to come to the library on Tuesday, June 25, Wednesday, June 26 or Thursday, June 27 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to hear some fabulous stories of summertime fun. There will be plenty of time for a hug and pictures with Froggy. Each session is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 20 at 9:00 a.m. To register, call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.
- The Young Adult Summer Reading Program, *Beneath the Surface*, starts off with Movie Night on Thursday, June 20 from 5:00-7:15 p.m. Come and watch *Journey to the Center of the Earth* in 3-D and enjoy popcorn and soft drinks. No registration is required for this program.
- A donation of 10 all day passes to Water Country Portsmouth was received for the Young Adult Summer Reading Program. Each pass is valued at \$37.99.
- A donation of 300 coupons for a free slice of cheese pizza was received from Papa Gino's for the Children's Summer Reading Program.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the gifts. The **motion was seconded** by John Curran. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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

- The reference staff answered 1099 reference questions and 82 directional questions in May. We logged 585 people onto the Internet.
- The 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program theme is *Groundbreaking Reads*.

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- Registration for the program began on Saturday, June 1, and runs through Saturday, August 31. For every book read after registering for the program, participants will receive one raffle ticket. These tickets can be completed and returned for entry into weekly raffle drawings. The participant who reads the most books over the summer will receive a Grand Prize gift basket.
- For the Summer Reading Program we have a different display each month under the broad theme *Groundbreaking Reads*. This month we have titles that were quite innovative and cutting-edge for their time such as The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Life of Pi: a Novel, and The Shack.
  - We have received more donations of gift certificates to be awarded as raffle prizes for the Adult Summer Reading Program. La Caretta has given us a gift certificate for \$25, the Wrap Shack has given a gift card worth \$10, and C.R. Sparks has provided a \$20 gift certificate.

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

**Old Business:**

- There was no old business this month.

**New Business:**

- Old Home Days  
A discussion ensued over whether the library should close on Old Home Day, Saturday, August 17, 2013. The Board decided that the library will close on that day.

A **motion** was made at 7:30 p.m. by William Feldmann to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Pauline Caron. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson

Date: June 5, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson  
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services