

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

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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: Pauline Caron, Robert Collins, Carol Introne, Melissa Coffey, and Cynthia Peterson. 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.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for September 3, 2014 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 Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

Pauline Caron reported that the Friends met to discuss different ideas for Christmas sales. The flower bulb sale ended yesterday and the amount raised will be available later.

The next Friends meeting is Monday, October 6, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

There were none this month.

Programs –

- On Thursday, September 18, 2014, the Leach Library hosted "Writing in Different Genres" by author Vincent H. O'Neil. 17 participants attended the program.
- On Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the Leach Library will present historian, Richard Holmes, and poet, Robert Crawford, as they discuss local poet Robert Frost and his life. Mr. Holmes is the Derry Town Historian and has been a Trustee of the Robert Frost Farm. For over a decade, Mr. Crawford worked in and around the Pentagon before moving to New Hampshire to pursue a literary life. He is an Assistant Professor in the writing department at Chester College of New England. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Crawford will give people an intimate look

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into how Frost came to teach at Pinkerton Academy while living at his farm on Route 28 and how this opportunity forever changed his poetry and those who read it throughout the world.

- On Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m., the Leach Library will host an evening of folk music from the Civil War era presented by the Hardtacks. In this program, The Hardtacks will use camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes to provide a year-by-year musical look at the politics, personalities, and perspectives that made a nation in the Civil War era. Audience members get to participate and sing along in an engaging, exploratory forum as they explore lyrics, documents, and visual images from primary sources.

Announcements -

- On September 5, 2014, the roofer came to repair the leak in the flat section of the roof. Despite recent rain there have been no further leaks.
- On September 11, 2014, the trees on the side of the library were trimmed.
- On September 26, 2014, RTU3 will have the flame sensor and igniter terminals replaced as they have rusted.

New Business:

- Request from School Department to waive nonresident fee for Hooksett students
Chair Betsy McKinney invited School Superintendent Nathan Greenberg to address the Board regarding his request for nonresident Hooksett students to be allowed a free Leach Library card. Nathan Greenberg stated that about four tuition students come to the Leach Library each day between 4:00-6:00 p.m. These students would like to be able to use the computers after school to do their homework. He requested that the Board approve waiving the \$50.00 nonresident fee for these students. Chair Betsy McKinney asked if four would be a consistent number or if potentially more students could come. Nathan Greenberg responded that he did not think that more would use the Leach Library because the other tuition students are either involved in after school activities, or ride home on the bus that they pay for. He estimates that the four students would not be using the Leach Library every day and he stated that if there is a marked increase, Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp could let him know and they would address the issue. Melissa Coffey asked if Londonderry High School had students from communities other than Hooksett. Nathan Greenberg responded that there are a couple from Auburn and some special education students from various towns but these get picked up by their school districts. Pauline Caron asked what happened on Fridays as the library closes at 2:00 p.m. Nathan Greenberg responded that the students had to make arrangements to be picked up. Cynthia Peterson asked how many Hooksett students attend the Londonderry High School, and Nathan Greenberg responded about sixty or so. Melissa Coffey asked what these students had done previously and Nathan Greenberg responded that this is only the second year that this program has existed. Pauline Caron and Cynthia Peterson each voiced concern

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regarding computers not being available to residents. Carol Introne asked how much the computers are used in the afternoons. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp responded that there are occasions when there are not enough computers for Londonderry residents coming in to use them. Robert Collins suggested that if the Board approved the request, the cards would only be valid from September through June each year. Nathan Greenberg stated that if a significantly larger group of tuition paying students came to the Leach Library for library cards, the issue could be addressed at that time.

A **motion** was made by Betsy McKinney to grant up to six free nonresident student cards on a trial basis during the school year. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. Four voted in favor of the motion, Pauline Caron and Cynthia Peterson were opposed. By a vote of 4-2, **motion carried**.

Pauline Caron expressed her concern that this was setting a precedent and she could not support it. She stated that it is not fair to the taxpayers who pay for the library.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- This year's summer reading program was successful in both the children's and young adult departments. In the children's summer reading program, 1,305 children participated and read 37,614 books from June 1 to September 6, 2014. The young adult summer reading program attracted 503 participants who read 4,875 from June 1 to September 6, 2014. The winner of the 2014 Janice Anagnos Memorial Certificate and prize is Amy Overhulser who read 165 books during this time frame.
- There were 1,055 participants took part in 15 Children's Room programs and activities during the month of September. *Jason Purdy's Magic Show* was a very popular program with over 90 participants.
- Fall Session 2 of Story Time, Shake, Move & Read and Toddler Time will run from October 29 through November 20. Advance registration is required and begins on Monday, October 20 at 9:00 a.m. To register call 603-432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.
- The Children's Room will be hosting its annual Halloween celebrations on Monday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 21 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Those who wish to may participate in a costume parade beginning at 4:15 p.m. on each day. Participants will hear some not-too-spooky stories, discover how a fairy built a little orange house, and learn trick-or-treat safety. At the end of the program, those participants that wish may watch the animated Halloween classic *Sleepy Hollow*. All children attending will receive a trick or treat bag filled with prizes, activities and a simple craft. These programs are open to all ages and space is limited to 90 people each session. Advance registration is required and begins on Tuesday, October 14 at 9:00 a.m. To register call 603-432-1127 or come by the Children's Room.

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- Mr. and Mrs. Spina donated a children's book, Jesse the Precocious Polar Bear. Ms. Spina wrote the story and Mr. Spina illustrated it.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the donation. The **motion was seconded** by Carol Introne. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The staff answered 1,367 reference questions and 489 directional questions in August and we logged 525 people onto the Internet. There were 236 patrons using our in-house wi-fi.
- This month our display features books and movies showing the love we have for our pets. Our display is brimming with materials on choosing a pet, caring for them, training animals, and just enjoying their company. Some titles to look for are Ricochet: Riding a Wave of Hope with the Dog who Inspires Millions, by Judy Fredono, How to Raise Rabbits, by Samantha Johnson, and Looking after Tropical Fish by Kevin Wilson. If you appreciate birds you might be interested in Conversations with Cosmo, by Betty Jean Craig and The Ultimate Encyclopedia of Caged and Aviary Birds, by David Alderton.

Old Business:

- Proposed FY15-16 Budget
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed the Proposed FY15-16 Budget for the Board to consider. She stated that the book line item had been increased to \$93,000.00 in accordance with the Board's directive. Pauline Caron asked how much money was returned to the Town last year. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp responded that it was about \$18,000.00. A discussion ensued and the Board approved the proposed budget for submission.

A **motion** was made at 7:27 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: October 1, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services