

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Pauline Caron, Robert Collins, Carol Introne, John Curran, and Cynthia Peterson. 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 December 3, 2014 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 Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Margaret Wang donated \$710.00 to the library.
- Ms. Diane Hoppe donated \$5.00 towards the SEE Museum pass.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, December 11, 2014, the library had "A Visit with Queen Victoria", performed by Sally Mummey. 27 participants attended the program.
- On Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host author-historian Matthew Thomas as he explores forgotten landmarks of New England in his presentation "Historic New England Powder Houses". In this one hour slide-projector presentation, Mr. Thomas will review the turbulent history of colonial New England, home to more than two-hundred powder houses that were built to store gunpowder, guns and armaments. These volatile storehouses played a key role in the country's fight to earn and preserve independence.
- On Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer a program dedicated to Abraham Lincoln, as he is brought vividly to life by historical re-enactor, Steve Wood. In this program, Mr. Lincoln will recount the early days of his life. He will also discuss debates with such people as Stephen Douglas, his run for presidency, and the Civil War, before ending with a reading of the "Gettysburg Address".

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- On Thursday, March 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will present the program “Covered Bridges of New Hampshire” by Mr. Glenn Knoblock. In this presentation, he discusses covered bridge design and technology as well as the designers, builders, and associated folklore. Attendees who fill out a short multiple choice covered bridges quiz will have a chance to win a stone hand-painted by local artist, Mr. Tom Abruzese.
- On Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host the program “A Garden for Wildlife: Natural Landscaping for a Better Backyard”. This program will be presented by Sigrid Salmela, a trained volunteer from the UNH Cooperative Extension’s ‘Speaking for Wildlife’ project. In this presentation, audience members will learn how to modify a backyard, garden, or landscaped area to help wildlife by altering one’s landscaping and gardening practices. Wildlife and habitats, plant choices, use of native plants, nest boxes and feeders, and other topics such as invasive plants will also be discussed.
- On Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host an evening of songs presented by the Harmonica Saints. They will bring back memories of the early 20th century with this musical performance of a variety of different songs. Each musical piece includes a brief story or explanation to further explain the meaning behind it.

Announcements -

- The second public hearing on the budget will be January 19, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room in Town Hall.
- The Deliberative Session will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the High School cafeteria.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- There were 658 participants took part in 12 Children’s Room programs and activities this past month.
- The second half of Winter Session 1 programs began today. Craft Time, Shake, Move, & Read and Toddler Time are offered. For information call or stop by the children’s room.
- Come to the library on Monday, January 12 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to explore the world of the *Mighty Moose*. Participants will hear stories of these elusive creatures and learn some fascinating moose facts. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and began on Monday, January 5. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children’s room.
- Come to the library on Monday, January 26 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and have fun with *Dale Freeman in Concert*. During this energetic performance, Dale will play guitar and sing a collection of his own songs and well-known favorites. Participants will dance, move and sing during this interactive performance. This fun-filled program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and begins on Tuesday, January 20. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children’s room.

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Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The library purchased 704 titles and deleted 482 titles in December.
- Last month we created a crossword puzzle to accompany our Traditional Recipes display. We had books to inspire you to make many new dishes and traditions. There were 42 patrons who completed this activity for a chance to win a beautiful recipe album in which to place these memorable recipes.
- Our display for January is “The Road to the Superbowl” with books on the players, teams, stadiums, and the sport in general. A few titles to watch out for include Football Nation: Four Hundred Years of America’s Game, by Susan Reyburn, The King of Sports: Football’s Impact on America, by Gregg Easterbrook, and The Opening Kickoff: The Tumultuous Birth of a Football Nation, by Dave Revsine.

Old Business:

- None this month

New Business:

- 2015 Meeting Schedule

Betsy McKinney asked the Board if the first Wednesday in the month was still acceptable to everyone. The Board agreed that it is. A discussion ensued over whether to have a meeting in July and August. The Board agreed that there will not be a meeting in July. It was decided to wait a few of months in order to determine whether an August meeting will be held.

A **motion** was made at 7:20 p.m. by Pauline Caron to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Carol Introne. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson Date: January 7, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services