

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

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Call to Order:

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Treasurer Pauline Caron. The following board members were in attendance: Carol Introne, Melissa Coffey, 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 January 7, 2015 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Melissa Coffey to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Cynthia Peterson. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Joe Green, Town Council Liaison arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for October 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014 was distributed by Pauline Caron. A brief discussion ensued. A **motion** was made by John Curran to accept the Treasurer's Report. The **motion was seconded** by Carol Introne. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

The Friends had their meeting and discussed a few ideas for next Christmas. The meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. is canceled due to forecasted inclement weather. The next scheduled meeting is March 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Mr. Lawrence Inglese donated \$10.00 to the library.

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

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Programs –

- On Thursday, January 15, 2015, the library hosted author-historian Matthew Thomas as he explored forgotten landmarks of New England in his presentation “Historic New England Powder Houses”. 36 participants attended the program.
- 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”.
- 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 Deliberative Session on the budget will be February 7, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the High School Cafeteria.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- *Mighty Moose* was an exciting and popular program in January, with 63 participants.
- On Monday, February 9 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., come to the library to celebrate the Chinese New Year. This children’s program is open to 90 participants and

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- advance registration is required and began on Monday, February 2. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.
- The Children's Room invites you to join Mona Headen and Critters N' Creatures at the library on Monday, February 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Live animal visitors may include a hedgehog, bat and turtle. This program is open to 90 participants and advance registration is required. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 9.
 - Winter Session 2 programs will run from February 11 through March 5, so come by the Children's Room to sign up for Craft Time, Shake, Move and Read, or Toddler Time. Advance registration is required and the children's staff will be happy to give you the details of these fun and engaging programs.
 - During February vacation week, Monday, February 23 through Saturday, February 28, the Children's Room will be offering an in-house scavenger hunt. Turn in the completed hunt for a raffle ticket and a chance to win a fun prize.
 - Also during February vacation week, the Children's Room will be offering a vacation craft opportunity to create your own puppet. Stop by the Children's Room desk to pick up the supplies and create your perfect friend in the library, or in the comfort of your own home.
 - The New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award nominee books, selected by librarians for children grades 4-6, are available in the Children's Room. Beginning this month through Saturday, April 11 participants grades 4-6 may receive a raffle ticket for every title read from the list of nominated titles, and a chance to win a great prize. Voting on a favorite book from this list begins Monday, April 13 through Saturday, April 18. Help select this year's Great Stone Face Award winner.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The library borrowed 130 books from other libraries this month, including 80 for book discussions. We lent 155 to other libraries.
- Our display this month is "Heartwarming Fiction". If Valentine's Day tugs at the heartstrings, or you want to read something light hearted by the fire on a cold winter's night, we have just what you need. Some of the book titles available are Maeve Binchy's new novel, Chestnut Street, Jan Karon's Somewhere safe with somebody good or The forever girl, by Alexander McCall Smith. A few of the movies we have on display are About time and The face of love.

Old Business:

There was none this month.

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New Business:

- Snowplowing
John Curran asked how effective the snowplowing has been this winter as he observed a patron struggling to get into a handicapped space. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp responded that it has been a challenge this winter to keep up with the storms. There were a few issues, such as the handicapped ramp and the emergency exit pathway to the fire lane not being cleared. These have been resolved. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp stated that she is working with Steve Cotton to resolve the additional issues of paths being shoveled to the flag pole and the fire key box. The snow also needs to be moved away from the building in an effort to prevent leaks.

A **motion** was made at 7:25 p.m. by Cynthia Peterson 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: February 4, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services