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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, John Curran, 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 February 4, 2015 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 Carol Introne. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

The Friends meeting was canceled in February due to a snow storm. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

There were none this month.

Programs –

- On Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library offered a program dedicated to Abraham Lincoln, as he was brought vividly to life by historical re-enactor, Steve Wood. 39 participants attended the program.
- 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.

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- 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 -

- On February 3, 2015, there was a leak around the roof drain. Steve Cotton came over to provide a temporary fix. The repair was completed on February 27, 2015.
- On February 4, 2015, the elevator passed the annual inspection. We are waiting for an updated inspection certificate.
- On February 17, 2015, Steve Cotton came over and removed the huge icicles that were hanging over the walkways.
- On February 20, 2015, a company came and shoveled the snow off the library’s flat roof. They returned on February 24, 2015 to remove the huge piles of snow left against the building.
- On February 23, 2015, the heat stopped working in the group study room. It was determined to be a broken radiator valve. The valve was replaced on February 24, 2015.
- On March 2, 2015 the boiler had the motor and controls replaced and it is now operational.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- There were 903 individuals participated in 15 Children’s Room programs and activities.
- Come to the library on Monday, March 16 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to chase away the winter with *Spring Fling Book Bingo*. All participants will win and have a chance to select books from our special selection tables. This exciting program is open to 90 participants and advance registration is required, beginning Monday, March 9. To register, please call 603-432-1132 or stop by the children’s room.
- The children’s room invites you to set out for some high sea adventures on Monday, March 23 from 4:00–5:00 p.m. with Scuffy, star of the classic children’s book

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Scuffy the Tugboat. During this program we will hear stories of boats big and small, try to name the parts of a ship and have a tidal wave of fun. There will be plenty of time for hugs and pictures with Scuffy. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration for this adventurous program is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 16. To register, call 432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

- The Children's Room will be offering the following programs as part of Spring Session 1: Craft Time, Shake, Move and Read, and Toddler Time. Spring Session 1 will run April 1 through April 23. Advance registration is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 23.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The reference staff answered 1,170 reference questions in February and had 212 directional questions.
- We have a little "March Madness" here at the Leach Library. You will find plenty of basketball books, CD Books, and DVDs on the display table to pique your interest. A few of the new titles that might be appealing are March 1939: Before the Madness: The Story of the first NCAA Basketball Tournament Champions, Tales from the Cleveland Cavaliers Locker Room: The Rookie Season of LeBron James, or There is No Next: NBA Legends of the Legacy of Michael Jordan. Come get your stress ball before they are all gone!

Old Business:

There was no old business this month.

New Business:

- Trustee Account Transfer
A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to transfer \$10,000.00 from the Trustee account into the book account. The **motion was seconded** by Carol Introne. A discussion ensued. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.
- New England Aquarium Pass
Melissa Coffey asked if the library had considered purchasing the New England Aquarium pass. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp explained that as the pass could not be used during the months of July and August and it is very expensive. She stated that she will gather the information for the next meeting.

A **motion** was made at 7:17 p.m. by Pauline Caron to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson Date: March 4, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services