

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, 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 December 7, 2016 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 Pauline Caron. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

**Friend's Report:**

The Friends did not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

**Director's Report:**

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Mrs. Margaret Wang donated \$730 to the library.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, December 8, the library hosted Mr. Bob Frishman who presented, "Timekeeping and Timekeepers in Early New England". 28 participants attended the program.
- On Thursday, January 19, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer the program "Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire" by Cristina Ashjian. In this slideshow presentation, Ms. Ashjian will introduce the history of the country house movement that was launched in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Using historic images and texts, she will discuss well-known estates now open to the public, such as The Fells on Lake Sunapee and The Rocks in Bethlehem. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.
- On Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have Laura Campbell present "Iconic Italian Gardens". Ms. Campbell will explore the

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history of several well-known Italian gardens including Ninfa, Villa Lante, and Villa D'este.

- On Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the library will present “Moose Man Moments in the Wild” by Rick “The Moose Man” Libbey. Join us for a slideshow presentation featuring Mr. Libbey’s own photographs of native animals including moose, loons, bobcats, fox, owls, and more. “The Moose Man” will discuss his oftentimes humorous experiences in the wild and share how he captures his images. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.
- On Thursday, April 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host Mr. Adam Boyce for an evening presentation of “The Old Country Fiddler: Charles Ross Taggart, Traveling Entertainer”. In this living history performance, learn about the life of musical humorist Charles Ross Taggart. Mr. Taggart has performed across the country for over 40 years as a fiddler, piano player, comedian, singer, and ventriloquist.
- On Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer “The Magic of the West: Yellowstone and Big Sky Country” by Rick Little. Join us as Mr. Little shares his travel adventures in one amazing corner of the West. In his slideshow presentation, he will explore the beauty of the Bighorn River region in south-central Montana, the canyons of the Missouri in central Montana, and finally the magnificence of Yellowstone National Park and the Beartooth Highway.
- On Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the library will bring in Ms. Sherry Brandsema and Mr. Bob Hogan for an evening presentation of “Under the Sea: Underwater Photography”. In this slideshow presentation, Ms. Brandsema and Mr. Hogan will share diving gear, animal facts, and their own vibrant photographs. They will discuss the challenges of underwater photography and the creatures of the Caribbean including starfish, coral, sharks, and more.

#### Announcements -

- On November 28, 2016, an HVAC technician came to fix the heating problem in the downstairs meeting room. The igniter and a few sensors were replaced. Unfortunately, it stopped working again. The unit was fixed again on December 8, 2016, and is now working properly.
- On December 9, 2016, the quarterly maintenance for the elevator was completed.
- On December 15, 2016, the library lost connection to the server due to an issue with the fiber cable. The staff computers and phones were not working. Comcast came on December 16, 2016 and was able to repair everything except the direct phone line in to the Children’s Department. The IT Department contacted Fairpoint, and the Children’s Department line was fixed today.

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

- The second half of Winter Session 1 programs begins on January 11, 2017. Craft Time, Shake, Move, & Read and Toddler Time are offered. For information call or stop by the children’s room.

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- Come to the library on Monday, January 9 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to travel back in time in our *Medieval Times* program. Participants will hear adventurous tales of kings and queens, and knights and dragons. Participants will have a chance to play a crown jewels matching game, and to try their hands at Quoits, a medieval ring toss game. This entertaining program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and began on Tuesday, January 3. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.
- Come to the library on Monday, January 23 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and have fun with Jenny the Juggler. During this fun-filled program, Jenny will show off her amazing juggling skills as well as sing songs while playing her ukulele. This high energy program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and begins on Tuesday, January 17. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.
- Come to the children's room for information on our *One Thousand Books Before Kindergarten*, *Star Reader* and *Reading Patch Club* programs. *One Thousand Books Before Kindergarten* is a nationwide early literacy initiative that encourages families to read to their young children and to use the resources available to them at their public libraries. This program is open to participants from birth through age 5. Come to the children's room to register and receive your first reading log. When you complete your first 100 books, come back with the log to receive an achievement stamp, a small prize, and your next log. After completing your first 500 books, you will receive a special growth chart. Reach 1,000 books and you will receive your very own library book bag with the special NH 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten logo (while supplies last). *Star Reader* participants will receive a stamp for each pre-determined number of books read. Collect all the stamps for a completion certificate, a magnetic picture frame, and a star to decorate and put on the Star Reader wall. The *Reading Patch Club* is a self-paced program aimed at introducing children to a variety of books in 23 different categories. As each category is completed the participant receives a sticker for their reading log. Once all 23 categories are completed, the participant will receive a Star Reader patch.
- Advance registration for *Happy Birthday Mo Willems* begins on Monday, January 30. This program will be held on Monday, February 6 from 4:00-5:00 p.m., and is open to 90 participants of all ages. During this fun-filled celebration, participants will hear the stories of some of Mo's most famous characters, including Elephant and Piggie, Knuffle Bunny, and Pigeon. All participants will receive a goody bag and will be entered into a raffle for a chance to win one of two special Mo Willems themed prizes.
- Come to the library on Thursday, January 12 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for our Young Adult *New Beginnings* event. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will learn and share a variety of customs from around the world that are linked to the New Year. In addition at this special event, snacks and drinks will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.

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

- The library cataloged and processed 5,726 materials in the adult room collection in 2016 and 2,328 materials in the children's collection.
- We have "Tantalizing dishes for the cold" on our display table for January. Come check out some of books that include heartwarming recipes such as 101 One Dish Dinners: Hearty Recipes for the Dutch Oven, Skillet & Casserole Pan, by Andrea Chesman, Scratch: Home Cooking for Everyone Made Simple, Fun and Totally Delicious, by Maria Rodale, or Adventures in Chicken: 150 Amazing Recipes from the Creator of Adventuresincooking.com, by Eva Kosmas.
- We have received a gift a \$25 gift card from Pasquale's Ristorante to award a prize for participation in our March Favorite Book Challenge.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the gift. The **motion was seconded** by Cynthia Peterson. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

- None this month

**New Business:**

- 2017 Meeting Schedule  
The Board discussed the 2017 meeting schedule. It was decided to continue to meet at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month. The Board decided not to meet on July 5, 2017, or on August 2, 2017.

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

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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson

Date: January 4, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson  
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services