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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Pauline Caron, 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 February 1, 2017 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 Cynthia Peterson. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

The Friends did not have a meeting in February due to inclement weather. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Joe Green, Town Council Liaison, arrived at 7:00 p.m.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

None this month

Programs –

- On Thursday, February 16, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the library had Laura Campbell present "Iconic Italian Gardens". 20 participants attended the program.
- 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.

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- 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, April 27, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., the library will present Mike Francis’ living history performance, “The Starry Messenger”. Mr. Francis will enact a dramatic fun-filled adaptation of Galileo’s short treatise "Siderius Nuncius." As Galileo dressed in 17th-century costume, Mr. Francis will present a public lecture on his most recent discoveries made using his newly devised spyglass. Audience members are invited to participate in Galileo’s many experiments and demonstrations.
- 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 -

- The elevator passed inspection and we are waiting to receive the new certificate.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- There were 1101 individuals participated in 16 Children’s Room programs and activities during the month of February. *Earth Heroes* and *Happy Birthday Mo Willems* were among the most popular programs.
- Spring is in the air at the library. Stop by on Monday, March 13 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and hear stories of the season with Little Critter, star of the Mercer Mayer books. During this exciting program, participants will hear stories of the many adventures to be had as the weather warms. There will be plenty of time for a hug and pictures with Little Critter. This fun-filled program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and begins on Monday, March 6 at 9:00 a.m. To register, call 432-1127 or come by the Children’s Room.
- Come to the library on Monday, March 27 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. for a program full of ‘Big Top Fun’. During this energetic program, participants will hear stories

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of ringmasters and daredevils, lions and elephants. They will have a chance to practice circus skills such as bowing like the ringmaster, twirling scarfs like a clown and stretching like an acrobat. Each participant will receive a silly ringmaster's hat and a clown nose to help set the mood for big top fun. Advance registration for this adventurous program is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, March 20. 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 March 22 through April 13. Advance registration is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 13.
- The New Hampshire Great Stone Face Award nominees are books selected by librarians for children grades 4-6. Ongoing this month, for every book read from the list of nominated titles, participants receive one raffle ticket. All the raffle tickets will be entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a great prize. You may earn raffle tickets through closing on Saturday, April 8. Voting begins Monday, April 10 at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at closing on Saturday, April 15. The raffle is open to all participants in grades 4-6. A list of the nominees can be found on the Children's Room webpage, under "Suggested Reading," or stop by the Children's circulation desk to pick up a list and help us choose this year's winner.
- Come to the library on Thursday, March 9 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for our Young Adult Spring Book Bingo event. All participants in grades 6 through 12 will win books from our special selection tables. 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.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The Leach Library now has 693 Facebook fans which is a gain of over 100 fans since last year.
- Are you up to the challenge? We want to know what you consider to be the best book of 2016. On display are many of the best sellers of 2016 according to the New York Times. Fill out a ballot and choose one from the Fiction or Nonfiction list or write in your own favorite. All entries will be entered into a raffle drawing for a gift certificate to Pasquale's Ristorante. We will have the name of the book or books that garners the most votes posted at the reference desk.
- We have been asking local restaurants to donate gift cards again for our Adult Summer Reading Program. We have received a gift a \$25 gift card from The Coach Stop Restaurant, a \$25 gift card from Janie's Uncommon Café, and a \$25 gift card from T-bones/Cactus Jack.

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

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Old Business:

None this month

New Business:

- Operating hours-
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp is pleased to announce that the library will be open on Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. starting the week of May 1, 2017. This was in part made possible by hiring a new part-time Reference Librarian.

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

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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson Date: March 1, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services