

# LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of December 5, 2018

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### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Robert Collins, John Curran, and Cynthia Peterson. Also in attendance: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Library Director; and Sally Nelson, Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services.

### **Secretary's Report:**

The Secretary's Report for November 7, 2018 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Robert Collins to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Cynthia Peterson. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018 was distributed by Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp on behalf of Pauline Caron. A **motion** was made by John Curran to accept the report. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

### **Friend's Report:**

Chair Betsy McKinney reported that the Friends holiday sale is ongoing through December. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

### **Director's Report:**

#### Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Mr. Robert Napolitano donated two copies of his book "The Twins" to the library.
- Ms. Maggie Meade donated a copy of her book "The Slow Cooker Baby Food Cookbook" to the library.
- Ms. Janice Spina donated a copy of her book "Mariah's Revenge" to the library.
- The Londonderry Women's Club donated \$17.99 to purchase the book "Little Blue Truck Leads the Way", in honor of the birth of Dana and Ben Turner's son, Henry.

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

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### Programs –

- On Thursday, November 15, the library welcomed Tim Kennedy and Marianne Page who presented “Introduction to Winter Hiking in the White Mountains”. 29 individuals attended the program.
  - On Thursday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m., Mr. George Morrison will present “Vanished Veterans: New Hampshire’s Civil War Monuments and Memorials” at the library. From Seabrook to Colebrook, Berlin to Hinsdale, New Hampshire’s towns, individuals, and veterans’ organizations erected a fascinating assortment of memorials to The War of the Rebellion. Beginning with obelisks of the 1860s and continuing to remastered works of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, historian George Morrison will share a diverse selection of New Hampshire’s commemorations and their stories.
  - On Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m., the library welcomes Ms. Anne Barrett for an evening performance of “The *First First Lady*”. Ms. Barrett will portray Mrs. Martha Washington as she takes the audience on a journey through her life, sharing her private family joys and sorrows. As the year is 1792, she will be relating her experiences thus far as the President's wife, detailing everything from her social obligations to the current political climate.
  - On Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have Mr. Tom O’Carroll present “Dublin in Song and Story”. Mr. O’Carroll will captivate the audience with his lively performance of Irish culture, telling the tales and singing the songs of Dublin, his native city.
  - On Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m., Mr. T.J. Cullinane will share his presentation “Seashells in My Pocket: Getting to Know the Seashells of the Gulf of Maine” at the library. Join Mr. Cullinane as he discusses how to identify different seashells found along the Gulf of Maine. He will display some of his own shells and specimens for the audience to view, and he invites attendees to bring their own seashells.
  - On Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host Ms. Ellie Roden for an evening presentation of “Art from the Garden: Creating with Pressed Flowers”. Ms. Roden will offer ways to preserve flowers, leaves, and other plant material and transform them into beautiful art. She will share some of her own work as well as various flower pressing techniques, tips, and ideas.
- On Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer Ms. Marya Danihel’s musical presentation “Pleasures of the Parlor: Playlists from a Victorian iPod”. Ms. Danihel will introduce a variety of tunes middle-class New England families loved to sing during the Victorian era. She will combine her performances with some music history discussion.

Carol Introne arrived at 7:06 p.m.

### Announcements -

- On November 26, 2018, Pennichuck came and completed the backflow prevention test on the domestic water.

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

- On Monday, December 10 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. come to the children's room to play a picture version of *Winter Fun Book Bingo*. All participants will win and have a chance to choose books from our special selection tables. This program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and began on Monday, December 3 at 9:00 a.m. To register, call 603-432-1127 or come into the children's room.
- On Monday, December 17 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. stomp into the children's room for a *Wild Rumpus with a Wild Thing*, from Maurice Sendak's classic *Where the Wild Things Are*. There will be plenty of time for a hug and pictures with Wild Thing at the end of the program. This energetic program is open to 90 participants of all ages. Advance registration is required and begins on Monday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m. To register, call 603-432-1127 or come into the children's room.
- The Children's Room is offering a Guess It jar throughout the month, until the end of Saturday, December 29. Stop by the Children's Room desk to see the jar. The closest guess, over or under, will win a really cool prize.
- The library will be offering a fun craft each week during December. At the start of each week, supplies for the *Create a Craft* will be found in the box on the spotlight shelf. A new craft will be available each week starting at 9:00 a.m. on 12/10, 12/17, and 12/24.
- The library will be offering an exciting trivia challenge each week during the month of November. Stop by the Children's Room desk to answer our special *Delve into Knowledge* trivia challenge question. If you are not sure of the answer, use one of our books or the Internet to help you. All answers will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an exciting prize. A new challenge will be available each week starting at 9:00 a.m. on 12/10, 12/17, and 12/24.
- The children's room will be offering the following programs as part of Winter Session 1: Craft Time, Shake, Move and Read, and Toddler Time. These programs run through December 13, 2018, and, with a break in the middle for the holidays, from January 9 to January 17, 2019. Advance registration is required and began on Monday, November 26 at 9:00 a.m. To register, call 603-432-1127 or come into the children's room.
- Come to the library on Thursday, December 13 from 3:15-5:30 p.m. for our Young Adult movie showing of *Peter Rabbit*. In addition, at this special event, popcorn and beverages will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No sign up is necessary.
- There were a total of 1812 reference transactions during the month of November.
- There were a total of 437 materials added during the month of November.
- Ms. Janice Spina donated three of her books for the children's collection: *Abby & Holly Book 1: School Dance*; *Abby & Holly Book 2: Unfortunate Events*; and *Lucy the Talented Toy Terrier*.

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

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**Old Business:**

- FY19-20 Proposed Budget  
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed a spreadsheet outlining the FY19-20 Proposed Budget. Even though the default budget law changed this year, Town Manager Kevin Smith put the FY19-20 Proposed Budget for the library into the overall Town's default budget. So no portion of the library budget will be in the supplemental budget warrant.
- Holiday staff lunches  
Chair Betsy McKinney stated that she will be picking up pizzas and salad from Prosciutto's for the staff lunch on December 12. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp invited all the Trustees to attend if they are able.

**New Business:**

- None this month

A **motion** was made at 7:45 p.m. by Robert Collins 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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson

Date: December 5, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson  
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services