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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 and John Curran. 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 December 4, 2013 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 John Curran. Three in attendance accepted the motion, one abstained, **motion carried**.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Mrs. Margaret Wang donated \$700.00 to the library.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wilson donated a 12 X 18 inch photograph of a snowy owl to the library.

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

Carol Introne arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Programs –

- On Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host "Treasures of the Vatican". This slideshow lecture will feature great works of art commissioned and collected by popes and belonging to the Patrimony of St. Peter, and will be presented by the ever popular Dr. Andrew Laurie Stangel, Professor of Art History and Civilization, UNH Manchester.
- On Thursday, February 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer "Songs of Old New Hampshire" with Jeff Warner. The program draws heavily on the repertoire of traditional singer Lena Bourne Fish of Jaffrey and Temple, New Hampshire. Mr. Warner offers the songs and stories that, in the words of Carl Sandburg, tell us "where we came from and what brought us along." These ballads, love songs

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and comic pieces reveal the experiences and emotions of daily life in the days before movies, sound recordings and, for some, books. Songs from the lumber camps, the decks of sailing ships, the textile mills and the war between the sexes offer views of pre-industrial New England and a chance to hear living artifacts from the 18th and 19th centuries.

- On Thursday, March 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have “Bird watching in New Hampshire” presented by Eric Masterson. In this presentation, Mr. Masterson focuses on the when of finding the more than 300 species of birds that occur annually in New Hampshire. He will share anecdotes from the field, including a few that illustrate the ultimate question, why we go birding. This audiovisual presentation will focus on making sure you don’t miss that special moment, be it a flight of hawks in Hancock, or a collection of storm-grounded water birds along the Connecticut River.
- On Thursday, April 17, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have “Abbot & Downing and the Concord Coach” by Peter James. Mr. James will conduct a multimedia presentation about the history of the Abbot and Downing Company over its approximately 100 years of active existence in Concord, New Hampshire. Included in the presentation will be photographs and descriptions of all of the remaining Concord Coaches which are located in New Hampshire. This program is being sponsored by the Londonderry Historical Society.
- On Thursday, May 22, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., the library welcomes Josh Judge who will present “Forecasting for TV”. In his presentation, WMUR Meteorologist Mr. Judge discusses what it is like to forecast New Hampshire weather in combination with how it ties in with forecasting on live television. His talk focuses on how meteorologists prepare to forecast, develop the forecast, and he will highlight the tools used for computer models and forecasting data. Mr. Judge will demonstrate this live on the internet. Then he explains how they use that data to get ready for the show. The presentation also incorporates video of how green screen works. Audience members will also be treated to a behind the scenes look at WMUR.

Announcements -

- The second public hearing on the budget will be January 20, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill Conference Room in Town Hall.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- There were 577 participants took part in 10 Children’s Room programs and activities.
- On Monday, December 2, 2013, *The World of Owls* was a great success with 90 participants enjoying this exciting and informative program.
- The second half of Winter Session 1 programs begins on January 8, 2014. Registration for Winter Session 2 programs begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday,

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- January 27. Story Time Shake, Move, & Read and Toddler Time will be offered. For information call or stop by the children's room.
- Come to the library on Monday, January 13 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. for a journey *Into the Wild* with Wildlife Encounters. Participants will have the opportunity to meet a variety of animal friends that may include a degu, a striped skunk, a Patagonian Cavy, and an umbrella cockatoo. This thrilling program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and began on Monday, January 6. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.
 - Come to the library on Monday, January 27 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and celebrate different types of hats from around the world in our *Hooray for Hats* program. Participants will play a hat matching game and wrap up the program with a Mexican Hat dance. This exciting program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and begins on Tuesday, January 21. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- We answered 933 reference questions and had 182 directional transactions in December. We logged 403 people onto the Internet.
- Several of our databases have had recent updates. Our Mango Language Learning has added a few films to help increase foreign language proficiency and the Novelist database is now Novelist Plus and includes nonfiction as well as fiction titles.
- Our display this month coincides with our January program "Treasures of the Vatican". The display is on the culture of Italy as a whole, but does include The Vatican Diaries: a Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Power, Personalities, and Politics at the Heart of the Catholic Church, The Global Vatican, and The Vatican: All the Paintings.

Old Business:

- Annual Report (FY12-13) per RSA 202-A:12 – Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp stated that she has received an e-mail from Susan Hickey, Finance Director informing her that although the auditor's report is not yet completed, the auditors are finished with the library portion of the review. The Annual Report (FY12-13) per RSA 202-A:12 was distributed.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the Annual Report (FY12-13) per RSA 202-A:12 as written. The **motion was seconded** by Carol Introne. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Town Council Liaison, Joe Green, accepted copies of the report on behalf of the Town Council.

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New Business:

- Online Catalog –
Garrett Adie spoke from the floor to ask for an update on where the library was in obtaining an online card catalog. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp responded that unfortunately the library does not have the funding or staff to do this. The low cost option we tried a few years ago would not work for us as the town's IT firm at that time was unable to get response time to an acceptable level.

William Feldmann arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Since then the library has explored the possibility of joining a consortium coordinated through the New Hampshire State Library. In early 2013, Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp received an e-mail from Thomas Roy, the Town's IT consultant. In this e-mail, he listed his concerns about the proposed system, some of which included not owning the software, security and data encryption issues, and a speed issue. It was decided not to pursue the option. Betsy McKinney stated that the Board considers that more important priorities are funding more library staff and restoring the cut to Friday operational hours.

A **motion** was made at 7:47 p.m. by Pauline Caron 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: January 8, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services