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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, 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 June 4, 2014 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 Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 was distributed by Pauline Caron. The Board unanimously accepted the report.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Maryrose George donated \$50.00 to the library.
- Ms. Lydia Larson donated \$20.00 to the library.
- Mr. Jacob Appel donated a copy of his book "Scouting for the Reaper" to the library.
- Ms. Judith Walsh donated \$75.00 to the library for ebooks.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, June 19, 2014, the library had "Songs of Old New Hampshire" with Jeff Warner. 35 individuals attended the presentation.
- On Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the Leach Library will host "Writing in Different Genres" by author Vincent H. O'Neil. Mr. O'Neil, a Massachusetts native, holds a Bachelor of Science degree from West Point and a Master of Arts in International Affairs from The Fletcher School of Law and

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- Diplomacy. He also has experience as an Army paratrooper, bank risk manager, advertiser, and novelist. In 2005, he won the St. Martin's Press "Malice Domestic" Writing Competition for his debut novel, *Murder in Exile*. Using his wide range of experiences and considerable amounts of research, Mr. O'Neil has written many different genres of fiction including mysteries, science fiction, and horror fiction. Join us as he demonstrates how different genres should be approached when writing fiction.
- On Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., the Leach Library will present historian, Richard Holmes, and poet, Robert Crawford, as they discuss local poet Robert Frost and his life. Mr. Holmes is the Derry Town Historian and has been a Trustee of the Robert Frost Farm. For over a decade, Mr. Crawford worked in and around the Pentagon before moving to New Hampshire to pursue a literary life. He is an Assistant Professor in the writing department at Chester College of New England. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Crawford will give people an intimate look into how Frost came to teach at Pinkerton Academy while living at his farm on Route 28 and how this opportunity forever changed his poetry and those who read it throughout the world.
 - On Thursday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m., the Leach Library will host an evening of folk music from the Civil War era presented by the Hardtacks. In this program, The Hardtacks will use camp songs, parlor music, hymns, battlefield rallying cries, and fiddle tunes to provide a year-by-year musical look at the politics, personalities, and perspectives that made a nation in the Civil War era. Audience members get to participate and sing along in an engaging, exploratory forum as they explore lyrics, documents, and visual images from primary sources.

Joe Green, Town Council Liaison arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Announcements -

- On June 13, 2014, the ceiling repair was completed.
- On June 26, 2014, the new circulator pump was installed.
- On July 7, 2014, the Town's IT consultants installed the new phone system.
- The Town's auditors are scheduled to come on August 6, 2014 to audit the library.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- A total of 2,981 participants took part in 41 Children's Room programs and activities this July.
- Some of the children's programs that have been very popular in July include *Gone Fishing*, *On Safari with Annie* concert, and *Motion Man*, which all had approximately 90 participants.
- The children's summer reading program finale week begins on Monday, August 11 with a series of programs that include *Polar Worlds*, *All Aboard*, *Bubbleology*, and *Alligators and Crocodiles of the World* (with live animals). All of these

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- exciting programs are open to the first 90 participants. Advance registration is required and begins at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 7. To register, call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.
- On Thursday, July 24 the young adult book discussion meeting attracted 54 participants to a lively discussion of Neil Gaiman's book, *Interworld*. This is a very high attendance for a young adult book discussion.
 - On Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. the young adult summer reading program raffle and pizza party is open to the first 90 participants. Bring your appetite, a dessert to share with the group, and some good luck to win a raffle prize. Remember, all raffle tickets must be turned in by 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 11. Keep reading after the raffle night and turn in your reading logs by Saturday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m. for a chance to win the Janice Anagnos Memorial Certificate and Grand Prize that is awarded to the participant who reads the most books from June 1 to September 6, 2014.
 - The library received a donation of six passes to the Aviation Museum of New Hampshire that will be used as part of finale prizes. Four family passes will be used in the children's summer reading program finale week, one family pass will be used in the Janice Anagnos Memorial Prize basket, and one individual adult pass will be used in the adult summer reading program prize basket.
 - The library received a donation of two music CDs for the children's room from Ann E. Grilli of *Annie and the Natural Wonder Band* after their program at the library.
 - The library received an anonymous donation of two \$25.00 American Eagle gift certificates for the Young Adult Summer Reading Program.

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**.

Cynthia Peterson asked the Director about the patron assault she experienced. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp explained the incident to the Board.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- We answered 1,163 reference questions and had 326 directional transactions in July. We logged 676 individuals onto the Internet.
- Our Adult Summer Reading Program is going strong, with over 500 adults registered this year.
- Our display for August, under the broad theme *Literary Elements*, is Mad Scientists. We have books and DVDs on the many scientists that have changed our world, including Charles Darwin: destroyer of myths, The big bang theory: Edwin Hubble and the origins of the universe, and Einstein relatively simple: our universe revealed in everyday language. If you have registered for the program, make sure you try your hand at the scientist matching game found on the display table.

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Old Business:

- Phone system
The new phone system is up and running and patrons have mentioned that they now get wonderful reception.

New Business:

- Proposed FY15-16 Budget
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed the proposed budget and informed the Board that the Town Council has asked for a default budget. The projections for insurances and the retirement rate have not yet been received from the Finance Department. Council Liaison, Joe Green stated that since the library returned over \$18,000 from last year's budget to the town, he suggested asking the Town Council if some money could be returned to the book budget for FY15-16.
- Friends Bulb Sale
Pauline Caron informed the Board that the Friends Fall Bulb Sale fund raiser begins on Monday, August 18, 2014. This year there are several new items for sale. The next Friends meeting is at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 8, 2014.
- Old Home Day Parade
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp showed the Board the signs made by library staff for the Old Home Day Parade. She asked if the Board may wish to have additional signs in the future as the wooden stakes are on clearance and being discontinued. The Board recommended purchasing another half dozen stakes.

A **motion** was made at 7:42 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, Kathy Mague

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson Date: August 6, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services