

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of April 1, 2015

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Pauline Caron, Robert Collins, Carol Introne, Melissa Coffey, and Cynthia Peterson. 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.

Election of Officers:

After discussion, Betsy McKinney nominated the following individuals for officer positions:

Betsy McKinney – Chair
Robert Collins – Vice Chair
Pauline Caron – Treasurer
Melissa Coffey – Secretary

A **motion** was made by Carol Introne to accept the slate of officers. The **motion was seconded** by Pauline Caron. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for March 4, 2015 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Carol Introne to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

The Friends met to empty the money jar and to plan for the next Cakeless Bake Sale in May. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Janice Spina donated a copy of her novel, *Hunting Mariah* for the adult collection.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, March 19, 2015, the library presented the program “Covered Bridges of New Hampshire” by Mr. Glenn Knoblock. 44 participants attended the program and 11 individuals took part in the quiz on covered bridges.
- On Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host the program “A Garden for Wildlife: Natural Landscaping for a Better Backyard”. This program will be presented by Sigrid Salmela, a trained volunteer from the UNH Cooperative Extension’s ‘Speaking for Wildlife’ project. In this presentation, audience members will learn how to modify a backyard, garden, or landscaped area to help wildlife by altering one’s landscaping and gardening practices. Wildlife and habitats, plant choices, use of native plants, nest boxes and feeders, and other topics such as invasive plants will also be discussed.
- On Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host an evening of songs presented by the Harmonica Saints. They will bring back memories of the early 20th century with this musical performance of a variety of different songs. Each musical piece includes a brief story or explanation to further explain the meaning behind it.

Announcements -

- On February 4, 2015, the elevator passed the annual inspection. The new inspection certificate has been posted.
- On March 31, 2015, Steve Cotton replaced the broken flag floodlight in the morning. He came over at 3:15 p.m. and reported it broken again. The Londonderry Police Department was called and the vandalism reported.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- Spring Fling Book Bingo was a great success in March, with 90 participants attending the program.
- The following programs are available in the Children’s Room in April. They are open to 90 participants and advance registration is required beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Monday prior to the program:
 - Come to the library on Monday, April 13 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. to visit with Ed Popielarczyk and his *Magic Show*. Participants will have a blast during this hilarious program as Ed amazes and entertains all ages.
 - Take a trip to the farm at the library on Monday, April 20 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. During this program participants will hear stories of the many animals that live on the farm, learn about life on the farm, and even go on a silly musical tour through Old MacDonald’s Farm.

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- Starting Monday, April 13 through closing on Saturday, April 18, during National Library Week, for each children's item checked out from the library you will earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win a cool book bag; and patrons will also have the chance to create their own "been caught reading" picture frame.
- The Children's Room is offering participants a chance to create their own windsock. From Monday, April 27 through Saturday, May 2, during school vacation week, participants may pick up the supplies and create their own perfect spring accessory. Also this week, the Children's Room is offering a fun new game, Scavenger Hunt Bingo.
- Spring Session 2 programs begin in May and sign up begins at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27. The programs offered are Craft Time, Shake, Move & Read, and Toddler Time.
- The library has received the following donations:
 - Four all-day Canobie Lake passes for the Young Adult 2015 Summer Reading Program.
 - Two lazer tag coupons and two mini golf coupons from Mel's Funway Park for the Young Adult 2015 Summer Reading Program.
 - Ms. Janice Spina donated a copy of her book *Broose the Moose on the Loose* to add to the Children's Room collection.
 - Ms. Susan Smith donated a copy of her book *Murphy the Cat Moves into the Neighborhood* to add to the Children's Room collection.

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

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The library cataloged 929 items and discarded 728 titles in March.
- The Leach Library is blooming with flowers. The reference display this month coincides with our "Garden for Wildlife" Program on April 16. Read *Touch a butterfly: wildlife gardening with kids*, by April Pulley Sayre, *Practical permaculture for home landscapes, your community, and the whole earth*, by Jessi Bloom, or *The wildlife friendly vegetable gardener: how to grow food in harmony with nature*, by Tammi Hartung, to help your garden grow.
- As part of the Adult Summer Reading program we have asked area businesses for donations of gift certificates. We have received three (3) \$15.00 gift cards from The 99 Restaurant, two (2) \$10.00 gift cards from Sweet Kiwi FrozenYogurt, and a \$20.00 gift card from Janie's Uncommon Cafe.

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**.

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Old Business:

- New England Aquarium Library Discount Program Pass
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed the information regarding the New England Aquarium Library Discount Program Pass. This pass costs \$650.00 for the period of September through May. Each coupon admits up to four (4) people for a reduced admission of \$10.00 each. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp reviewed the costs of other passes offered by the library and recommended purchasing the pass, starting in September 2015.

A **motion** was made by Betsy Mckinney to purchase the New England Aquarium Library Discount Program Pass. The **motion was seconded** by Melissa Coffey. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

New Business:

- There was no new business this month.

A **motion** was made at 7:22 p.m. by Pauline Caron to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Robert Collins. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson Date: April 1, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services