

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of May 6, 2015

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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, Carol Introne, Melissa Coffey, and John Curran. 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 April 1, 2015 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 Pauline Caron. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for January 1, 2015 – March 31, 2015 was distributed by Pauline Caron. A brief discussion ensued. A **motion** was made by Carol Introne to accept the Treasurer's Report. The **motion was seconded** by John Curran. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

The Friends made a large donation to the Library. They are currently holding their 8th Annual Cakeless Bake Sale. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp thanked the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library for their very generous donation to the adult, children's and young adult programs. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library have donated \$1,449.40 to sponsor the May Adult Program Harmonica Saints (\$100.00) and the following Children's Summer Reading Program Special Programs: Costume Specialists - Hero Stories with Ladybug Girl (\$140.00), Squam Lakes Natural Science Center - Wildlife in Motion (\$328.40), Mystic Drumz - Legend of

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Marshmallow Island: A Musical Adventure (\$315.00), Galapagos Puppets – Badger Meets the Fairies (\$271.00), CrittersNCreatures - Heroes and Villains Animal Show (\$295.00)

- The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library have donated \$300.00 for the Young Adult Summer Reading Program.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dyer donated \$100.00 to the library in memory of Mr. Arthur Lily.
- Mr. Paul Doucette donated \$5.00 to the library.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, April 16, 2015, the library hosted the program “A Garden for Wildlife: Natural Landscaping for a Better Backyard”. 52 participants attended the program.
- 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.
- On Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have an evening of music, “Wacky songs that made us laugh”, presented by Mr. Calvin Knickerbocker. Excerpts from hilarious songs help chart the evolution of musical humor from the 1920s to the 1980s. Selections poke fun at WW II enemies, diets, television, summer camp, and many other aspects of life.
- On Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host an evening of storytelling “Heartpounders: Halloween Tales” presented by storyteller and composer Mr. Odds Bodkin. In this performance, Mr. Bodkin will tell spooky tales of Halloween accompanied by full musical scores on a twelve-string guitar with character narrations and voices.
- On Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host a program dedicated to Isabella Stewart Gardner, who is brought vividly to life by character reenactor, Jessa Piaia. A recognized leader of Boston’s emerging salon scene, Mrs. Gardner, with characteristic verve and candor, relates episodes about Gardner’s luminous circle of family and friends, relives journeys to exotic lands, and shares other potentially scandalous encounters.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- A total of 43 young adults participated in the Isinglass Award selection for their favorite book from a list geared for middle school readers, and 81 young adults

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took part in the Flume Award selection for their favorite book from a list geared for high school readers.

- Ed Popielarczyk with his *Magic Show* entertained 80 participants. One of the many popular activities we had in the Children's Room in April was the Monthly Trivia question that entertained 231 participants.
- On Monday, May 11 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. discover the world of amazing animal athletes when Wildlife Encounters brings their *Animal Athletes* program to the library. Live animals may include a wallaby, tree frog, and Great Horned Owl. This program is open to 90 participants and advance registration is required and begins on Monday, May 4. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.
- On Monday, May 18 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., come to the library for a trip to the beach and a celebration of summer. During this fun-filled program we will hear stories of tide pools, play in the sand, and maybe do some surfing! This program is open to 90 participants and advance registration is required, beginning on Monday, May 11. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.
- The library has received the following donations for incentives during the 2015 Young Adult Summer Reading Program:
 - Two 18-hole rounds of golf from the Londonderry Country Club
 - A \$25.00 Barnes & Noble gift certificate from an anonymous donor
- The library has received the following donations for incentives during the 2015 Children's Summer Reading Program:
 - 700 coupons for a free ice cream cone from McDonalds
 - 200 coupons for a free string from Park Place Bowling Lanes
 - 500 coupons for a free slice of cheese pizza from Papa Ginos

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**.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The library borrowed 150 books from other libraries this month, including 89 for book discussions. We lent 164 to other libraries.
- May is "Home Improvement Month" so we have on display some resources to make your home the best it can be. Some of the titles are DIY Home Repairs: 100 Fix-it-Yourself Projects, The Book of Home How-to: Complete Photo Guide to Home Repair & Improvement, 300 tips for Painting & Decorating: Tips, Techniques and Trade Secrets, and Green Home Building.
- We have received a \$25 gift card donated from T-Bones/Cactus Jack's for the Adult Summer Reading Program.

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

Old Business:

- None this month

New Business:

- Town's spending freeze

A discussion ensued on this subject.

A **motion** was made at 7:23 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: May 6, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services