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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, Melissa Coffey, 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 3, 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 John Curran. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Treasurer's Report:

Pauline Caron distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report for April 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015. A **motion** was made by Robert Collins to accept the Treasurer's Report. The **motion was seconded** by John Curran. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

Pauline Caron stated that there were no meetings during the months of July and August. Currently the Friends are holding their Fall flower bulb sale in the library.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Carol Introne arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Patricia Cook donated a quilt she made to hang in the library in memory of Ms. Emily Olsen Merchant.

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A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the quilt donation. The **motion was seconded** by Cynthia Peterson. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**. Chair Betsy McKinney accepted the quilt from Ms. Patricia Cook who was present at the meeting.

- The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library donated \$650.00 to pay for the New England Aquarium Passes.
- The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library donated \$112.00 to sponsor the September 2015 adult program and \$536.00 to sponsor the October 2015 adult program.
- The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library donated \$2.00 to the library.
- Mr. Kenneth Shields donated a three-year subscription to *Outside* magazine.
- An anonymous patron donated \$25.00 to the library.
- Ms. Kelly Angevine donated a large tropical plant to the library.
- Mr. William Martin donated a copy of his fantasy book *Diversity is Coming* to the library.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, June 11, 2015, the library hosted “A House on the Bay: Life on 17th Century New Hampshire’s Coastal Frontier.” 37 participants attended the program.
- On Thursday, September 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer 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. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library is sponsoring the program.
- On Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will present an evening of storytelling, “Heartpounders: Halloween Tales”, featuring 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. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library is sponsoring the program.
- On Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., the library will hold a program dedicated to Isabella Stewart Gardner, who is brought vividly to life by character reenactor, Jessa Piaia. Mrs. Gardner was a recognized leader of Boston’s emerging salon scene, and Ms. Piaia 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.

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Announcements -

- On July 30, 2015, the Town's new auditing firm, Plodzik & Sanderson, had James Plodzik, Senior Auditor, come and audit the library's financials records for FY14-15.
- Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp would like to thank John Curran and Cynthia Peterson for representing the library by marching in the Old Home Day Parade. She also expressed gratitude to John Curran for his suggestion that staff may like to take part in the event as well as Trustees. There have been numerous positive comments from the community that the Trustees and the staff were in the parade. The Library Director passed around a copy of one of the photographs of the event. John Curran stated that he is hoping to have a classic convertible to use in next year's parade.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- The Children's Room had another excellent summer with over 1,300 children participating in the Summer Reading Program. The last day to turn in reading logs is September 5, 2015.
- In the month of August, the Children's Room had many popular programs, including *Sing Along with Nappy's Puppets*, and *Animal Adventures* which each attracted at least 90 participants.
- The Young Adult Summer Reading Program was also popular again this year with over 500 teens participating in the Summer Reading Program. The book discussion of *The Awakening* by Michael Owen Carroll attracted over 60 teen participants. The last day to turn in reading logs is September 5, 2015.
- The library wishes to thank the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library for their generous support of both the children's and the young adult programs.
- The library also wishes to thank the following businesses for donating some wonderful prizes to our children's and young adult programs: Canobie Lake Park, the Londonderry Country Club, McDonalds, Papa Ginos, Park Place Lanes, and Water Country, Portsmouth.
- The Children's Room invites you to come to the library to celebrate Johnny Appleseed's birthday on Monday, September 14 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. During this exciting program we will hear Johnny's story as well as other apple themed tales. Each participant will leave with a Johnny Appleseed hat to decorate at home. Advance registration is required and begins on Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m. To register call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.
- Mifflin Lowe will be at the library on Monday, September 21 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. with his *Beasts by the Bunches* show. Mifflin will introduce participants to the may strange but true names that groups of animals have. Advance registration is

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- required and begins on Monday, September 14 at 9:00 a.m. To register call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.
- The Children's Room will be offering the following programs as part of Fall Session 1 that runs from September 16 through October 8: Craft Time, Shake, Move & Read and Toddler Time. Advance registration is required and begins on Tuesday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m. To register call 603-432-1127 or stop by the Children's Room.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The Adult Summer Reading Program has ended for 2015! We had over 560 adults register for our program and they read 2,393 books in the three month program. We would like to thank our readers for their enthusiasm in reading and participating in the monthly contests with the theme 'Escape the Ordinary'. There were over 300 game sheets turned in. We would also like to thank The Coach Stop Restaurant, Coffeeberries, Giovannis, Janie's Uncommon Café, La Carretta, The 99 Restaurant, Prosciutto's Pizza, Sweet Kiwi, Talias's Breakfast and Eatery, and T-Bones/Cactus Jack's for their generous donations of gift certificates in support of our program.
- With summer past and the leaf peepers yet to arrive, September is a good time to hit the trails to discover the natural, wild side of New Hampshire and New England. We have on display guide books to help you appreciate the birds, wildflowers, and geographical formations along the way. Try Southern New Hampshire Trail Guide or Day Hiking New England to show you routes, maps, and the best places to hike. Some of our field guides such as The Illustrated Identifier and Encyclopedia of Wild Flowers, Field Guide to Nature of New England, or The New Stokes Field Guide to Birds: Eastern Region may help you understand and identify the nature before you.

Old Business:

- None this month

New Business:

- Proposed FY16-17 Budget

Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp informed the Board that no budget calendar or instructions have been received to date so she decided to do a default budget in accordance with past years. Most of the increase in the proposed FY16-17 budget relates to increases in health, life and dental insurance.

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- Young Adult Programs

Melissa Coffey asked if the Leach Library has young adult programs during the school year. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp responded that there are activities during Teen Read Week in October and Teen Tech Week in March. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp said that we would review the young adult programs we currently offer to the community.

A **motion** was made at 7:45 p.m. by Pauline Caron 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: September 2, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services