

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Carol Introne, Melissa Coffey, John Curran, and Cynthia Peterson. Also in attendance: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Library Director; and Sally Nelson, Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for December 5, 2018 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**.

Friend's Report:

There was no meeting last month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019 at 2:15 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Margaret Wang donated \$750.00 to the library.
- Ms. Mary-Helen McGrath donated \$10.00 towards museum passes.

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

Programs –

- On Thursday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m., Mr. George Morrison will present “Vanished Veterans: New Hampshire’s Civil War Monuments and Memorials” at the library. From Seabrook to Colebrook, Berlin to Hinsdale, New Hampshire’s towns, individuals, and veterans’ organizations erected a fascinating assortment of memorials to The War of the Rebellion. Beginning with obelisks of the 1860s and continuing to remastered works of the 21st century, historian George Morrison will share a diverse selection of New Hampshire’s commemorations and their stories.
- On Thursday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m., the library welcomes Ms. Anne Barrett for an evening performance of “The *First First Lady*”. Ms. Barrett will portray Mrs. Martha Washington as she takes the audience on a journey through her life, sharing her private family joys and sorrows. As the year is 1792, she will be relating her

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experiences thus far as the President's wife, detailing everything from her social obligations to the current political climate.

- On Thursday, March 21, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have Mr. Tom O'Carroll present "Dublin in Song and Story". Mr. O'Carroll will captivate the audience with his lively performance of Irish culture, telling the tales and singing the songs of Dublin, his native city.
- On Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m., Mr. T.J. Cullinane will share his presentation "Seashells in My Pocket: Getting to Know the Seashells of the Gulf of Maine" at the library. Join Mr. Cullinane as he discusses how to identify different seashells found along the Gulf of Maine. He will display some of his own shells and specimens for the audience to view, and he invites attendees to bring their own seashells.
- On Thursday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m., the library will host Ms. Ellie Roden for an evening presentation of "Art from the Garden: Creating with Pressed Flowers". Ms. Roden will offer ways to preserve flowers, leaves, and other plant material and transform them into beautiful art. She will share some of her own work as well as various flower pressing techniques, tips, and ideas.
- On Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer Ms. Marya Danihel's musical presentation "Pleasures of the Parlor: Playlists from a Victorian iPod". Ms. Danihel will introduce a variety of tunes middle-class New England families loved to sing during the Victorian era. She will combine her performances with some music history discussion.

Announcements -

- On December 17, 2018, the fire extinguishers were inspected. None of them needed to be replaced this year.
- The filing period for election candidates is January 23 – February 1, 2019.
- One of the library employees had a health issue today that necessitated calling 911. Unfortunately, it was discovered that we cannot call 911 from the library phones. The problem has been reported.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- The second half of Winter Session 1 programs begins on January 9, 2019. Craft Time, Shake, Move, & Read and Toddler Time are offered. For information call or stop by the children's room.
- Waddle into the library on Monday, January 14 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. for our *Duck, Duck, Goose* program, and hear stories of ducks and geese. You will learn the differences between a duck and a goose, and then help a rubber duck find his tub! This entertaining program is open to 90 participants, and everyone will leave with an inflatable ducky beach ball. Advance registration is required and begins on Monday, January 7. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.
- Come to the library on Monday, January 28 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. and have fun with Fred "Magic Fred" Carter and his astounding magical illusions. This funny and entertaining program is open to 90 participants. Advance registration is required and begins on Tuesday, January 22. To register, please call 603-432-1127, or stop by the children's room.

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- This month, the Leach Library Children's Room will be offering a Winter Activities Matching Game beginning on Wednesday, January 2 at 9:00 a.m. and ending on January 31. The games will be available at the children's room desk for participants to fill out and return for a chance to win an exciting prize.
- Advance registration is required for our Jane Yolen program, beginning on Monday, January 28. This program will be held on Monday, February 4 from 4:00-5:00 p.m., and is open to 90 participants of all ages. During this energetic program, we will visit a *Duck Pond*, discover *What to Do with a Box*, and find out *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight*. We will end the program by watching a short animated version of the Caldecott Award Winning *Owl Moon*. All participants will leave with fun party prizes. This engaging program is open to 90 participants.
- Come to the Leach Library on Thursday, January 10, 2019, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for a young adult fun-filled adventure. Participants in grades 6 through 12 will team up to follow a map, solve puzzles, and find the missing treasure. In addition, at this special event, snacks and beverages will be served and there will be a raffle for fun door prizes. No registration is required.
- The Technical Services department cataloged and processed 401 new materials in December.
- The Reference department answered 1,160 questions in December.

Old Business:

- None this month

New Business:

- 2019 meeting schedule
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp asked the Board if they wanted to follow the format of past years, with meetings on the first Wednesday of each month, except for no meetings during July and August. A discussion ensued and the Board agreed to this schedule.
- New Furniture
Betsy McKinney asked how the new furniture has been received in the children's room. Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp replied that she has received many positive comments. Melissa Coffey stated that she received a thank you and positive feedback on how quickly the library responded from the patron who contacted her regarding the condition of the old furniture.

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A **motion** was made at 7:20 p.m. by Melissa Coffey 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

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson

Date: January 2, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services