

Library Trustees Meeting minutes

Monday, September 19, 2016

Attendees: Lisa Kane/chairwoman, Joanne Geneva/Secretary (Voting members), Betsy (Perry) Rajotte/Library Director, Shannon Duffy/Youth Services Librarian (non-voting attendees)

Call to order: 4:05 pm

Agenda:

The minutes of the July 2016 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Youth Services Report

Children's Services

1. Past Programs and Attendance Numbers:
 - In July, we had 30 children's programs with a total of 557 people in attendance.
 - In August, we had 26 children's programs with a total of 480 people in attendance.
 - 500+ people registered for Summer Reading.
 - Participation certificates were given out Simonian and Elementary School last week.
1. Upcoming Programs:
 - **Guest/Performers/Events:**
 - Fabulous Fall with Deb Hudgins : Monday Oct. 3rd at 10:30 (Ages 1-5)
 - Pumpkin Time with Deb Hudgins: Friday Oct. 14th at 10:30 (Ages 1-5)
 - Apple Tree Arts with Jan Barlow: Five week session starting Oct 17th. Toddlers on Mondays at 10AM and Babies on Tuesdays at 10AM. Toddler session full, Baby session still open.
 - **Storytimes:**
 - Fall Storytime Sessions: Drop-in Baby story time (6-24 mons) starts Tuesday Sept. 20th at 10:30AM, Toddler Storytime (ages 2-3) starts Wednesday Sept. 22nd at 10:30 AM, and Preschool Storytime (ages 3-5) starts Thursday Sept. 22nd at 10:30 AM. Each session is four weeks long.
 - Storytime at the Bank: Monday Sept. 26th at 10:30 AM and again on Monday Oct. 17th at 10:30 AM (ages 1-5)
 - Fall Storytime and Hayride at Whitter Farms: Friday Oct. 7th at 10:30 AM at Whittier Farms (90 Douglas rd. in Sutton).
 - **Lego Club Meetings:**
 - Tuesday, Sept. 27th at 4PM
 - Thursday, Oct. 6th at 2PM

Tween/Teen Services

1. Past Programs and Attendance Numbers:
 - In July, we had 9 teen programs with a total of 59 people in attendance.
 - In August, we had 4 teen programs with 17 people in attendance.
1. Upcoming Programs:

- College Admissions Workshop: Thurs., Sept. 29th at 6:30 PM. A workshop for parents and students about the college admissions process.
- Geek Club Meeting: Wed., Oct 5 at 3PM. We are discussing *A Monster Calls* By Patrick Ness.
- Mysterious Mass: Tues., Oct. 18th at 6:30 PM (ages 12+). This is a workshop that talks about some of the most famous Massachusetts paranormal history.
- RICM presents Robots on the Run: In Nov. we will be hosting a RICM workshop where patrons can build a robot and learn to program them.

Director's Report

1. Meetings Attended:

- a. 7/20 - LBNC
- b. 8/3 -LBNC
- c. 8/5 - C/W MARS Executive Committee - C/W MARS Worcester
- d. 8/9 - Department Heads
- e. 8/16 - Selectmen
- f. 8/17 - LBNC
- g. 9/6 - Department Heads
- h. 9/9 - C/W MARS executive Committee - C/W MARS Worcester
- i. 9/13 - Library Director's Roundtable - Sturbridge

2. Adult Programs:

- a. The Photography program wrapped up strongly and with good feedback.
- b. The aromatherapy program was a smashing success. We will see about having her back in Feb./March for her chocolate program
- c. The ukulele program started last week - it filled up with 10 adults which was the maximum capacity. The Grafton Library loaned their ukuleles so we were able to cover anyone who did not have their own.
- d. In July there were 5 adult programs with 43 participants. In the month of August we had 9 programs with a total of 51 participants.

3. Friends Update:

- a. The Friends have cancelled their wine tasting event because they were not able to get vendors to sign on.

4. Staff:

- a. Since the last meeting a new Page, Corrina Rossetti, was hired. Staffing has now settled into a normal rotation.

5. LBNC:

- a. Meetings have been proceeding as scheduled. The Next meeting is this Wednesday at 7:00pm. The engineers should be performing perc tests on the two sites ASAP. The public information session is scheduled for Oct. 5 at 7:00pm. We need to go before the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee next Tuesday at 6:30pm. (It was reported that the PERC tests will not be completed in time for the public info. Session or the Warrant committee meeting.)

6. Misc.:

- a. I finished the second annual report for the MBLC which is the financial report. Lisa signed it and it has been mailed.
- b. We've formed a formal coalition with 11 neighboring communities and are calling ourselves the 'Blackstone Valley Libraries'. Participants include: Sutton, Blackstone, Upton, Northbridge (Whitinsville), Douglas, uxbridge, Grafton, Mendon, Millbury, Hopedale, Millville and Mendon.
- c. I missed the first meeting due to scheduling issues here but the first two initiatives being tackled are museum passes and large print books. I've already said that we will participate in the 'floating' of adult large print materials. What this means is that when an adult large print book is returned to us

from any of the participating libraries, we will keep it on our shelf until such point as it is checked out, put on hold, or recalled to its owning library. Details are still being worked out. (There was a brief discussion after which the Trustees agreed that Large Print Initiative is beneficial to our patrons.)

- d. The second initiative is museum pass sharing and I held off on jumping in until we talked about it. Basically, we would all cross promote our passes but they would not be reservable by residents of other towns - just available on a walk-in "day of use" basis. (There were some questions then was discussion about this initiative but it was agreed that participation in museum pass sharing would be a good idea.)

New/Old Business:

Next Meeting Dates: October 17, 2016 at a time to be determined (a request was made for the meeting to take place at an earlier time in the day)

Next Meeting Agenda Items:

1. Youth Services Report
2. Director's Report
3. New/Old Business

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm