

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEE MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2022

UNAPPROVED

Present: Karla Karstens, Steve Perkins, Diane Downer (virtual), Charity Clark (virtual), Shari Westman, Brian Goodwin, Barbara Mieder; librarians Jane Kearns and Kim Peine

Secretary's report: The secretary's report was approved without corrections.

Treasurer's report: Karla Karstens reported no transactions.

Friends of the Library report: The Friends have not met since January.

Current budget report:

- The Trustees looked at the report for December. The goal was 50%, and everything was on target.

Librarian's report:

- January statistics: Circulation is about back to 20-21 levels; 18% is electronic. Wowbrary was discontinued mid-January, and website hits are up. Overdrive audiobooks are up 9% and e-magazines up 223%
- Operations updates:
- AARP tax preparation began on Sunday.
- The Vermont Reads application has been successful. This will involve collaboration with South Burlington based on the book *We Contain Multitudes* by Sarah Henstra.
- The library is slowly adding back in-person programs.

Staff report: Kim Peine, IT/Interlibrary Loan Librarian, reported.

- The library retired its old web address and is now at damlvt.org.
- The library gets about 250 emails a day and sends about 100 a day.
- The most popular website categories in 2021 were: Events, Services (library cards), Contact Us/About Us, Passes, Board Meetings, and What to Read Next.
- The most popular website categories so far in 2022 are: Board Meetings, Programs and Services, Research, Library History, Craftsy, Policies, Placing Holds, What to Read Next, and Events.
- The DOL will soon be putting out a new app (Palace) to try to make sure that materials are available to everyone in the state. The Green Mountain Consortium (to which DAML belongs) has received a \$200,000 grant for new materials.
- Kim demonstrated to the Trustees various aspects of ASPEN (facets to find books, hide/browse categories, e-magazines, account recommendations) which can be used by all library patrons.

New Business: None

Old business: The Trustees continued their review of library policies and made some minor revisions and corrections. These will be reviewed again at the March meeting before being warned for a vote in April.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Next meeting: March 21, 2022, at 7 p.m.