

DOROTHY ALLING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

TRUSTEE MINUTES FOR May 15, 2023

UNAPPROVED

Present: Karla Karstens, Diane Downer, Charity Clark, Steve Perkins, Shari Westman, Barbara Mieder, Brian Goodwin, Librarians: Jane Kearns and Lori Ledak

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

Treasurer's Report: No major transactions.

Friends Report: The Book Sale is coming up. On June 1 the library will start taking donations. Volunteers can start signing up to help. Set up Day is Saturday, July 1. The Meet the Mammals program sponsored by the Friends was a great success!

Current Budget Report: Looking at the Preliminary April Budget Report, with the goal of 91% spending, we are on track. There will be some repairs on the Bookmobile lift. A trustee commented that the back of the Bookmobile is a little blurry, likely a result of cleaning, and Jane will look into having that touched up so it is clearer. New office chairs were purchased and we are on track with book purchases. Overall, we are at 76%.

Librarian's Report:

- April Library Statistics – Patron visits are up 20%. There are fewer phone transactions, as people seem to be communicating via e-mail. Our Interlibrary loan requests are healthy and the Internet/Wifi usage is up. Programs for Youth and Adults were listed, and there are a lot of offerings. It was noted that many of our programs are free, which is a great benefit to the community.
- General Updates – The Bookmobile will start up soon and the summer routes are being adjusted. Sarah, Danielle, and Maddie Evans will be working the Bookmobile. Summer Reading is through Beanstack and now that is being supported by the Vermont Library System, which is a cost savings for us. The added Saturday programming has been successful. During the Town Green Up Day celebration the library gave out seed packets and also had the debut of the Saturday story hour.
- The Volunteer Ice Cream Social will be in June and the Trustees will be covering costs of gift cards for volunteers with a significant anniversary. There are new shelves in the Youth Area that seem to be a great upgrade from the carts!
- Personnel Updates – Roeki DeMaria has been hired as the new Patron Services Librarian. She worked previously at the Waterbury Public Library. There was a great response for the position, with 15 applicants.

Staff Report: Lori Ledak, Program Services Librarian

- DAML supports online programs such as Life Stories we Love to Tell
- There are also around 12 participants in an online meditation group
- There are a number of Book Clubs: The Book Club Buffet, the After Hours Book Club, and the Brown Bag Book Club

- Catherine Drake, a local author had a session where she talked about the romance genre and modern romance books
- Crafternoons are popular! There have been bookmarks, teacup nests, beaded necklaces, and suncatchers as craft opportunities.
- Cook the Book has around 12 participants and sometimes it is Cook the Novel (with books that include recipes).
- April was Poetry Month and there were pocket poems hidden in books for patrons to find. Meg Reynolds did a poetry workshop.
- The Language groups continue, though Spanish will take a break over the summer.
- Trivia Nights (which had a low turnout but the participants signed up to be Friends of the Library!), Write-Time with South Burlington, Watercolor Workshop
- There was a Winter Adult Bingo reading challenge and look for a Summer Adult Reading challenge soon.
- Intergenerational reading with WCS has 9 adults participating, Lunch with Libby, Puzzle Swaps, Veteran's Benefits Table
- Coming up a Fair Housing Discussion (motivated by the book Eviction), a Bird Walk at Catamount, Dr. Stephen Sheppard at Mud Pond and in August will be Bella's Hats Tea Party!

Scoping Study Steering Committee Report: Karla reported that the Phase 2 Survey will be available soon and everyone should fill one out. Draft copies were passed out for the Trustees. After the survey results are in, the architect will be developing plans for the community spaces. There may be discussions within the committee on whether some items, like a MakerSpace would be better suited for the library or another space. The Trustees voice will be an important driver to what is ultimately presented to the Selectboard.

New Business: The Library Director Evaluation is due soon. Charity, Jane, and Erik will discuss further the timeline and how to solicit Staff input. Jane will also do a Self-Evaluation.

Old Business: The Trustees signed the MOU between the Town and the library.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.