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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Richard Matchie. The following board members were in attendance: Pauline Caron, Kathleen Carr, William Feldmann, Karen Goodman, Richard Matchie, and Betsy McKinney. Also in attendance: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Library Director; Sally Nelson, Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services; Kathy Mague, Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for January 6, 2010 was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Betsy McKinney to accept the minutes as written. The **motion was seconded** by Pauline Caron. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report for October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009 was distributed by Pauline Caron. A **motion** was made by Betsy McKinney to accept the Treasurer's Report. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Friend's Report:

The Friends had a meeting in January where they made a donation to the library to sponsor some adult and children's programs. They are currently selling sweet potato dog treats for Valentine's Day gifts. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library donated \$1351 to sponsor the following programs: Looney-Tunes children's program on March 9 and March 10, 2010 (\$206.40), Recycling children's program on April 19, 2010 (\$150), Speeds of Seeds children's program on May 26 and May 27, 2010 (\$206.40), Atticus Finch program on March 4, 2010 (\$275), the Great Sheep Boom program

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- on April 22, 2010 (\$300), the Birds of the White Mountains program on May 13, 2010 (\$100), and the Your Hit Parade program on June 10, 2010 (\$113.20).
- The library has received the following donations in memory of Mr. Anthony Borell:
 - \$50.00 from Ms. Marjorie Chiafery
 - \$50.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Harshbarger
 - \$50.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Cad
 - \$50.00 from Ms. Joyce Lockman
 - \$30.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Gondek
 - \$100.00 from Incredible Ice, LLC
 - \$25.00 from United Arts Team (check, Mr. and Mrs. Miller)
 - \$35.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Razzaboni
 - \$75.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Nicosia, and Mrs. Schill
 - \$100.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, and Ms. Rouse
 - \$15.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Jewett
 - \$20.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Scuderi
 - \$25.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Blodgett
 - \$25.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Tomasovic
 - \$50.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Smith
 - \$25.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Coish
 - \$25.00 from Mr. and Mrs. May
 - Mr. Marshall Peck III donated a signed copy of a print he drew of children in a library and a signed copy of a print of a winter scene to the library.
 - A \$3.00 donation was made by Ms. Diane Kohut.
 - Mr. Kendall Smith donated \$22.20 to purchase *Migration of Birds* in memory of his father Fred H. Smith.

A **motion** was made by Karen Goodman to accept the gifts. The **motion was seconded** by Betsy McKinney. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Programs –

- On Thursday, January 14, 2010, the library hosted “American Quilt Traditions”. 50 individuals attended the program.
- On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., the library held the program “Crafting Birthday Cards”. 34 individuals attended the program.
- On Thursday, February 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., the library will offer the program “Fiddling Styles”. Local musician Ellen Carlson will be demonstrating the melting pot of traditional fiddle music and its historical developments to the present day. She will be showcasing a variety of fiddling styles, including southern, northern, Cajun, Celtic, western swing, country bluegrass, folk, rock and jazz.
- On Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have a program “Atticus Finch”. In this performance given by Richard Clark, Atticus Finch steps from the pages of *To Kill a Mockingbird* and brings to life the tragedy and

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- triumph of Harper Lee's classic novel. The courtroom drama, and the harsh realities of bigotry and hatred blend to make this a compelling theatrical event. This program will mark the start of our month-long participation in the Big Read: New Hampshire Reads *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring this program.
- On Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., the library will have a book discussion of To Kill a Mockingbird. This event will mark the wrap-up of our month-long participation in the Big Read: New Hampshire Reads *To Kill a Mockingbird* as an area scholar, Jennifer Lee, leads a discussion of the book.
 - On Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., the library will have a presentation "The Great Sheep Boom and Its Enduring Legacy on the New Hampshire Landscape" with Steve Taylor. During a brief 30-year period in the early 19th century, New Hampshire became home to hundreds of thousands of sheep, and the production of wool became a lucrative business, generating fortunes and providing the only era of true agricultural prosperity in the state's history. Independent scholar Steve Taylor will examine the legacy this great sheep boom left behind in its fine architecture and thousands of miles of rugged stone walls. He will follow it through to the industry's doom and discuss the social consequences that would last a century. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring this program.
 - On Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., the library will be hosting "Birds of the White Mountains" with Stephen Hale. This beautifully illustrated presentation will cover the variety of birds living in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, a diversely rich region containing hundreds of species of hawks, owls, woodpeckers, sparrows, and more. The presentation will include a colorful slideshow and audio recordings of these birds. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring this program.
 - On Thursday, June 10, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., the library will be hosting "Your Hit Parade - 25 Years Presenting America's Top Popular Songs with Calvin Knickerbocker. The radio and television program "Your Hit Parade" chronicled American popular music from 1935 to 1959. In this program, presenter Calvin Knickerbocker will outline the quarter-century during which the show served as a "tastemaker," featuring songs inspired by the Great Depression and on to the advent of Rock and Roll. Throughout the program, Mr. Knickerbocker will treat attendees to excerpts from original recordings of the songs that "Your Hit Parade" showcased on its weekly Saturday night show, from one-hit wonders to classic numbers still familiar today. The Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library will be sponsoring this program.

Announcements -

- The next budget meeting is on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Moose Hill conference room in Town Hall.

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- The radiator near the back exit developed a leak. The valve was replaced on January 27, 2010.
- The elevator inspection was completed. The elevator passed inspection, but water back-up in the elevator pit was discovered, caused by a pump issue. A plumber and an elevator technician have been scheduled to resolve this.

Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services Report:

- During the month of January, circulation increased by 7% over January 2009. The Adult Room circulated 16,254 items, and the Children's Room circulated 9,056 items, for a combined total of 25,310 items.
- The Children's Room staff answered 294 Reference questions during January.
- There were 11 children's programs offered in January to 309 participants.
- Michelle DeBye of Michelle's Menagerie and her animal friends will be at the library Monday, February 8, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Michelle will be talking about the layers of the rain forest. Advance registration for the program is required, and began on Monday, February 1. This program is being sponsored by the Friends of the Leach Library.
- Jennifer DelVillar, the Senior Children's Librarian, has received 2 more certificates from area restaurants, as donations for our Summer Reading Program finale raffle. The Ninety Nine Restaurant and Café Teresa each donated a twenty five (\$25) dollar gift certificate. We would like to thank these businesses for their support.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the gift certificates. The **motion was seconded** by Kathleen Carr. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Assistant Director and Head of Reference Services Report:

- The reference staff answered 794 reference questions in January and answered 101 directional questions. We logged 854 patrons onto the Internet.
- The library has borrowed 158 books from other libraries this month and have loaned out 148.
- It is time again for the Winter Olympics and the reference staff has put up a display on the large table for the winter games in Vancouver. Once again we have tried to add a little fun. In the past we have had a contest to guess how many gold medals the United States will win. This year we are asking which country will win the most medals. Make sure you put your guess in by February 18th in order to win a gold, silver, or bronze "prize".
- Our smaller table is featuring birds, bird watching, and bird feeding. Pick up a book to learn how to make a birdhouse for your feathered friends or another to identify the birds you see at your bird feeder. While there, pick up a bookmark with recipes to feed the birds.

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Old Business:

- Vandalism-

Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp heard from the Prosecutor that the chairs can now be repaired. She was informed that it may take six months or more for restitution to be paid. The wood chairs will be ready by mid-February. The fabric selected for the upholstered chairs has been discontinued, so a different one will need to be selected.

- Downstairs Restroom-

A lock has been installed on the lower-level hallway door.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Non Public Session:

Enter Non Public Session

Chairman Richard Matckie requested a roll call vote to enter Non Public Session pursuant RSA 91-A:3 II, subparagraph (a), the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.

A **motion** was made by Karen Goodman to enter non public session. The **motion was seconded** by Pauline Caron. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Roll Call Vote: Aye, William Feldmann; Aye, Pauline Caron; Aye, Kathleen Carr; Aye, Richard Matckie; Aye, Betsy McKinney; Aye, Karen Goodman.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to allow Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp and Sally Nelson to attend non public session as the subject pertains. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

The Board entered Non Public Session at 7:25 p.m.

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Exit Non Public Session

Chairman Richard Matchie requested a motion to exit Non Public Session. Pauline Caron made a **motion** at 7:35 p.m. to exit Non Public Session. The **motion was seconded** by William Feldmann. Board's **vote** 6-0-0.

A **motion** was made by Pauline Caron to accept the recommendation of the library staff. The **motion was seconded** by Kathleen Carr. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

A **motion** was made at 7:36 p.m. by Pauline Caron to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Karen Goodman. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Notes by: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Sally Nelson, Kathy Mague

Minutes Typed by: Sally Nelson

Date: February 3, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Nelson
Assistant Director and Head of Circulation Services