

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: Melissa Coffey, John Curran, Sandy Geisler, Cynthia Peterson, and Vicki Stachowske. Also in attendance: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Library Director; Sally Nelson, Assistant Director; and Megan Donovan, Head of Circulation Services.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary's Report for November 6, 2019 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**.

Director's Report:

Gifts Donated to the Leach Library –

- Ms. Avamarie Barone donated a copy of her book “Walking into Words: A Poetic Journey”.

A **motion** was made by Vicki Stachowske to accept the gift. The **motion was seconded** by Cynthia Peterson. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Programs –

- On Thursday, November 14, Mr. Mike Rogers and Mrs. Beverly Rogers offered “Beginning Harmonica Workshop.” 51 individuals attended the program.
- On Thursday, January 9 at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Stephen Carey will hold “Wood Art for the Average Woodworker and Hobbyist” at Leach Library. Mr. Carey will show attendees how to make unique wood art using average tools and supplies. He will display some of his work and explain the process behind techniques such as segmented wood turning and linear radius turning. He will also explore some simple homemade gifts which one can create on a budget. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.
- On Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m., the library will host Mr. Andrew Timmins' “Living with Bears.” Join Mr. Timmins as he teaches attendees about bear biology and management in New Hampshire. His focus will be on the challenges of bear management, with particular attention paid to the issue of bear cultural carrying capacity and bear/human conflict avoidance and management.

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- On Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m., Ms. Bethany Bellingham is coming to the library to offer her program “Backyard Veggie Gardening.” Ms. Bellingham will cover the basics of soil preparation and planning your vegetable garden to maximize your harvests. She’ll discuss crops that can be planted as soon as the soil can be worked, so participants can be harvesting fresh greens as soon as possible. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.
- On Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Fran Hart will present “Music of the Beatles.” Join Mr. Hart as he combines a musical performance with a multimedia presentation. Participants will not only learn about the music of the Beatles, but also about the influence the band exerted on the cultural landscape. Mr. Hart is a musician with a lifelong passion for the Beatles. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Londonderry Leach Library.
- On Thursday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Curt Bessette and Ms. Jenn Kurtz will offer “A Few Seconds with Our Fathers: Songs and Stories of WWII” at Leach Library. This moving performance is a tribute to the generation of young men and women of the World War II era. It is filled with songs and stories that make history come to life and honor our parents and grandparents.
- On Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m., Mr. Michael Bruno will hold “Cruising New Hampshire History.” Join Mr. Bruno as he educates attendees on all sorts of fascinating aspects of New Hampshire history.

Announcements –

- On November 18, 2019, the boiler had a tune-up.

Assistant Director’s Report:

Children’s and Teen Programs and Activities –

- During the month of November, children in preschool through grade 3 turned in 59 voting slips for titles nominated for the Ladybug Award.
- The Children’s Room Spotlight Display that highlights materials from different areas of the collection, is *Make a Splash Reading* for the month of December. Come and check out a variety of books about sea creatures.
- The Young Adult “Fun and Games” program in November was popular with a group of teens who competed in a range of activities.

Reference –

- There were a total of 443 Internet logins in the month of November.
- There were 253 children’s reference questions in the month of November.

Technical Services –

- There were a total of 700 materials added during the month of November.

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Donations –

- The library has received the following donations:
 - Ms. Debbie Cavalier donated three music CDs, Story Songs and Sing Alongs, More Story Songs and Sing Alongs, and Debbie and Friends Variety Show, and also a DVD, Story Songs and Sing Alongs to add to the children's collection.

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

Old Business:

- FY20-21 Proposed Budget
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed copies of the FY20-21. A discussion ensued.

Carol Introne arrived at 7:17 p.m.

- Holiday staff lunches (December 10, 2019)
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp informed Melissa Coffey that she will email her a list of pizzas to order along with salads from Prosciutto's Pizza. Chair Betsy McKinney stated that she will pick up and deliver the pizzas.

New Business:

- Meeting schedule for 2020
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed the Board of Trustees meeting schedule for 2020. She noted that the first Wednesday in January is New Year's Day. After a discussion, the Board decided to meet on January 8, 2020.

A **motion** was made at 7:32 p.m. by John Curran to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by Carol Introne. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

Notes by: Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp, Sally Nelson, Megan Donovan

Minutes Typed by: Megan Donovan Date: December 4, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Donovan
Head of Circulation Services