

LONDONDERRY LEACH LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Minutes of January 8, 2020

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Betsy McKinney. The following board members were in attendance: John Curran, Carol Introne, and Cynthia Peterson. 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 December 4, 2019, was distributed prior to the meeting. No changes were made. A **motion** was made by Carol Introne 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 –

- Mrs. Margaret Wang donated \$760.00 to the library.

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

Programs –

- 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. Some of his beautiful pieces of wood art are displayed in the case across from the circulation desk.
- 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.
- 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

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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.

The March presenter recently cancelled, we are currently looking for a replacement.

- 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 December 20, 2020, the sprinkler head in the alcove next to my office broke. It caused minor flooding in the adult section of the library. The staff acted quickly and moved the original artwork, chairs, tables and materials, thus mitigating damages. The sprinkler was repaired that evening. The carpet was extracted that evening, and was cleaned and treated for mold the next day. So, the carpet was also saved. The ceiling will need to be repaired. Two "doors" will be installed so they can be opened during cold weather. The Town Manager has approved the replacement of the trees that acted as "wind buffers". The trees were clear cut to build the new Fire Department. A discussion ensued.

Sandy Geisler arrived at 7:14 p.m.

Assistant Director's Report:

Children's and Teen Programs and Activities –

- During the month of December, 99 children participated in the Vacation Craft.
- The Children's Room Spotlight Display that highlights materials from different areas of the collection, is *Hibernate with a Good Book* for the month of January. Come and check out a variety of books about animals and hibernation.
- On Monday, January 27, 2020, come to the children's room for the program *A Long Winter's Nap*. Children of all ages will listen to cozy stories and sing a song about hibernation. This program is open to 90 participants and registration begins on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

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- The Young Adult program on January 16, 2020, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. is *Did You Know? Library Edition*. Participants in grades 6 – 12 will take part in a library themed trivia game. This event includes a special door prize raffle and light refreshments. No registration required.

Reference –

- There were a total of 309 Internet logins in the month of December.
- There were 198 children’s reference questions in the month of December.

Technical Services –

- There were a total of 524 materials added during the month of December.

Old Business:

There was no old business this month.

New Business:

- Sprinkler malfunction
This was discussed during the Director’s Report.
- Trees for buffer
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed a packet prepared by Donna Plante, Head of Reference and Technical Services, that included a matrix and summary of suggested trees for the Board to review. A discussion ensued. The Board will consider options at a later date.
- House Bill 1452
Barbara Ostertag-Holtkamp distributed a packet that contained copies of House Bill 1452 and current library policy. A discussion ensued. Chair Betsy McKinney asked for a vote from the Board in support of the bill. All present were in favor.

A **motion** was made at 7:43 p.m. by Carol Introne to adjourn the meeting. The **motion was seconded** by John Curran. All in attendance accepted the motion, **motion carried**.

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

Minutes Typed by: Megan Donovan

Date: January 8, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Donovan
Head of Circulation Services