



Nesmith Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2024, Nesmith Library, 6:30 pm

Present:

Trustees: Theresa Abbamondi (Chair), Karen Moltenbrey (Assistant Chair), Jim Murphy (Treasurer), Beth Talbott (Corresponding Secretary), Catherine Girata, (Member at Large)

Director: Sylvie Brikiatis, Karen Burbank

Public: None present

Absent: Robin Bostic, Jenny Cutler

Call to Order: By T. Abbamondi at 6:38 pm

Mission statement: Read by T. Abbamondi

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Motion made by K. Moltenbrey to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting. Public Session as amended; seconded by C. Girata. Passed (4-0-1). B. Talbott abstained.

Gifts

No new gifts

Correspondence:

No correspondence

F.L.O.W. Report:

- Will be starting weekend book collections.
- Build a Buddy Event was a success
- Planning is starting for Strawberry Festival

Director's April Report

Overview.

- Circulation. In August 2024, 18969 items were loaned. By contrast, 19591 items were loaned during August 2023.
- Registration. 8429 patrons are registered as of the end of August. 75 new cards were issued in August 2024.
- Internet use. In August 2024, 172 uses were recorded. This compares with 180 uses in August 2023.
- eBook lending – 1033 eBooks were loaned in August 2024. 785 eBooks were loaned in August 2023.
- EAudiobook Lending – 1547 eAudiobooks were loaned in August 2024. 1062 eAudiobooks were loaned in August 2023
- People Counter. Visits during July 2024: 5425 Visits during August 2023: 6050.
- Staff training day went well. Team building and communication were the focus. Feedback from staff was positive.
- Several staff will be attending NELA on October 20-22.
- Barbara will be retiring at the end of October. Will post position to try to have someone in place
- Leach Library is joining GMILCS in October and Aspen will be down for a few days during this time.
- Budget Workshop with Selectmen October 28 @ 7 PM
- Strategic Plan expired in 2017, need to put together a committee to begin meeting October/ November.

Treasurer's Report:

8 months of the year have passed and 59.11% of the budget has been spent. The library remains in compliance with RSA 32:7.

Trustee Committee's Reports:

Finance Committee went through budget and made recommendations

New Business:

- Strawberry Festival liaison - C. Girata will continue in this role

Old Business:

- Elaine's Plaque Ceremony is scheduled for October 5 @ 1 PM

Announcements:

The next meeting will be held on October 15 at 6:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by K. Moltenbrey, seconded by C. Girata. Vote passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Talbott