



## *Jonathan Trumbull Library*

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Jonathan Trumbull Library  
October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021  
Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees  
ZOOM

Present: Cathe McCall, Maureen McCall, Eilleen Weinstein, Berkeley Nowosad, Bill Goba and Michelle Kersey and Library Director Matt Earls and Youth Services Librarian Maggie Gaier.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by the chair, Cathe McCall.

Minutes – **Motion (Michelle Kersey/Eilleen Weinstein) to approve the minutes to the September 16, 2021, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with none opposed.**

Directors' report: Matt reported.

- Great October with lots of activity and programs every day.
- Circulation is down from last year but still good.
- More donations have been received in memory of Peter Shannon.
- There were only seven entries for the scarecrow contest this year, but it was still a fun.
- There was a book discussion on Tuesday in the sunshine, and Yoga continues.
- The Friends made \$2,300 on the book sale. Some of the regulars were absent, probably due to covid fears. Franklin was not having a sale, but the ladies from the Hebron library stepped forward and took our unsold books.
- The letter came today from the Hugh Trumbull Adams Trust. Matt and Maggie will begin working on the request next week. Matt has to first finish a report for the State Library.
- Matt attended a Bibliomation meeting today.
- Event highlights include the poetry reading last Thursday where about 50 people attended. It was outstanding.
- The library is considering getting a rescue turtle.
- The mobile website needed work and Claire performed necessary updating.
- November looks to be a very busy month. If there is no spike in Covid in November, plans are to begin indoor programs mid-month.

- The building is progressing at a rapid pace. Framing and roofing should be completed by the end of next week so that it is all closed in. The elevator should be in by the end of November. An archeological dig found something that might be a foundation or a wall with a stoop. There are arranged stones, and one is round and had been worked with tools. It is between the library and the flagpole.
- Budget - we are looking good financially.

#### Youth Services Director:

- The teen helpers are now the teen advisory board and are executing programs on their own. They organized and decorated the patio for the Poetry reading. They have also organized a scavenger hunt for Halloween weekend and created Make & Take kits with a Fall theme around Indian corn. We have a wonderful staff and a great group of teen volunteers.
- In two days (10/15-10/16) the library hosted three programs which brought in 92 people on the patio and under the tent.
- Our patrons are hardy - Plans had been to run Read, Rock and Rhyme only through mid-October since it is held outside, but they requested it continue through November.
- Homeschoolers have returned for STEM programs. Miss Stephanie has done experiments on water and air, and in November and December will introduce ice, heat and energy. Having the turtle will offer the opportunity to speak on invasive species, habitat, and data collection.
- Mending Circle will be held for those ages 12 and above. Patrons will learn about fixing, reusing, etc.
- The teen advisory board is planning a book club for teens based on the Twilight series.
- More poetry programs will be held through the Winter, continuing to April which is Poetry Month.
- Mrs. Burns, LES librarian, finished the six-week after school program *Amazing Animals!* and will continue with story yoga.
- Programs:
  - 9/18/2021 - Pop Up Free Play (at Plant Swap) - 12 attendees
  - 9/20/2021 - Classic Read Aloud - 5 attendees
  - 9/20/2021 - Cartooning - 3 attendees
  - 9/21/2021 - Afternoon Building - 13 attendees
  - 9/21/2021 - DND, Cailean - 3 attendees
  - 9/23/2021 - DND, Ian - 7 attendees
  - 9/27/2021 - Classic Read Aloud - 8 attendees
  - 9/27/2021 - Cartooning - 2 attendees
  - 9/29/2021 - Read, Rock & Rhyme - 15 attendees
  - 9/29/2021 - Amazing Animals! - attendees
  - 9/30/2021 - DND, Ivan - 7 attendees
  - 10/1/2021 - Fam Jam - 27 attendees
  - 10/4/2021 - Cartooning - 2 attendees
  - 10/4/2021 - Halloween Straw Rockets Take&Make - 8 attendees
  - 10/5/2021 - Afternoon Building - 7 attendees
  - 10/5/2021 - DND - Ivan - 3 attendees
  - 10/6/2021 - Read, Rock and Rhyme - 12 attendees
  - 10/6/2021 - Amazing Animals! - 7 attendees

- 10/6/2021 - Take&Make Paper Bats - 26 available and ongoing
- 10/7/2021 - DND, Ivan - 7 attendees
- 10/8/2021 - Homeschool STEM - 30 attendees
- 10/9/2021 - Scarecrow contest
- 10/12/2021 - DND, Cailean - 3 attendees
- 10/13/2021 - Read, Rock and Rhyme - 13 attendees
- 10/13/2021 - Amazing Animals! - 7 attendees
- 10/14/2021 - DND, Ivan - 7 attendees
- 10/14/2021 - Community Poetry Open Mic - 41 attendees
- 10/15/2021 - Knightwings Birds of Prey - 39 attendees
- 10/15/2021 - Teen Movie Night: Coraline - 12 attendees
- 10/18/2021 - Story time and music - 9 attendees
- 10/20/2021 - Read, Rock & Rhyme - 14 attendees
- 10/21/2021 - Beaded Corn Take&Make - (50)

Matt congratulated Maggie on her first year and let her know how grateful he is for how she dove in feet first and has done such a great job.

Nominating Committee - Michelle Kersey and Eilleen Weinsteiger volunteered to serve. Note that Maureen McCall, Nancy LaBonne and Heidi Worthington are not running for office in November.

**Motion (Maureen McCall/Michelle Kersey) to adopt the proposed dates listed below for the 2022 Board of Trustee meetings. They will be held at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Location is yet to be determined.**

January 20  
 February 17  
 March 17  
 April 21  
 May 19  
 June 16  
 July 21  
 August 18  
 September 15  
 October 20  
 November 17  
 December 15

**The motion carried with none opposed.**

Thanks were extended to Maureen for her years of service.

**Hearing no other business, motion made (Maureen McCall/Eilleen Weinsteiger) to adjourn at 7:37 pm. The motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
 Maureen D. McCall, Secretary