



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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March 18TH, 2021
Regular Meeting - Board of Trustees
Zoom Meeting

Present: Cathe McCall, Maureen McCall, Berkeley Nowosad, Bill Goba, Heidi Worthington, Janice Knudsen, Eilleen Weinsteiniger, Michelle Kersey and Nancy LaBonne, Library Director Matt Earls and Youth Services Librarian Maggie Gaier.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the chair, Cathe McCall.

Minutes to the February 18th meeting - Motion (Nancy LaBonne/Janice Knudsen) to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed with one abstention.

Directors' report:

- Matt is opening the library doors to the public next Monday. Prep work of cleaning will be completed. The staff has gotten into corners that have not seen light in ages. Guidance from the governor said that libraries can open at 100% capacity, but the intent is that it be done safely. Masks will still be required. There are no toys in the children's section and there will be no indoor programs for the month of April. Yoga begins outside April 10th. The original plan had been to use next week for getting ready to move across the street but have had to change direction. They are looking forward to seeing people at the library again and to having the human interaction.
- Circulation is at about half of what it was this time last year, but Hoopla has helped keep the numbers up.
- Trivia and the book discussion are doing well. *Make and Takes* - 11 patrons made use of the *Adult Escape Room* project, 30 did the *Heart Tealight Jar* and 48 did the *Watercolor Mobile*. In addition, Donna encouraged *Hearts for Nurses* and 25 people from the community took part in that.

- Friends of JTL met on Monday and there will be a book sale in September run by Jaqui Ramsay. They will hold off on having an art show until 2020. Museum passes were also discussed.
- The HTA grant has not yet been received.
- Matt continues with his work with the CT Library Association, now moving from Reference and Adult services to Resource Sharing.
- Matt met with the Board of Finance and thanked Cathe and Janice for the vocal support they extended that day.
- Steve Dombrowski, the town handyman, has been helpful with projects.
- Personnel - Gwen Haaland was hired as a Library Aide. She is a palynologist (pollen) and philatelist (stamps) and will be working Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Young People's Library Report:

- Maggie reported that packing continues. The Young Adult and Adult Non-fiction are completed. Two of the three closets have been packed and inventoried. The Friends will now be allowed to come in and help. She also wants to get people to make crocheted bookmarks.
- The book display features fairy tales and folk tales giving an idea of what the summer reading will be about. Focus will be on tales and tails - animals will play a large part. Maggie is partnering with the three school librarians and the reading specialist and there will be a Zoom call in early April to plan direction.
- Programs will continue to be on Zoom for the month of April.
- There will be a young adult and children's art show.
- Justin Pelletier who works at the school, will plan a tech program for this summer.
- Programming for March included an origami *Take and Makes* and Maggie will do the last two read aloud session on Facebook Live. There were 20 who took the 'Nature and Book Mobile' *Make and Takes*, 30 who did the 'Paper Chain Book Snake', 30 who did the 'Origami Boats and Butterflies' and 30 'Origami Bookmarks'.
- Seven 'playwork' kits for the *Read, Rock and Rhyme* age group were taken.
- The three independent contractors continue with Zoom-based programs. Bill Dougal had 23 participants in his cartooning 'class' on Mondays. Lizzy Hayes had 20 for *Operatunities* on Wednesdays and the Dungeon Master had 21.

Sub-Committees:

Bylaws - Nothing to report.

Budget - Nothing to report.

Personnel - Reported above

Building Committee - Matt reported that builders bids have been reviewed. The bids for relocation -- moving books to the Community Center and back, and for storage of books, furniture, etc. are also

being considered. Unfortunately, there are still negotiations being done regarding the building site, so nothing is yet finalized.

Unfinished Business - Nothing to discuss.

New Business - Nothing to discuss

Hearing no other business, motion made (Maureen McCall/Michelle Kersey) to adjourn at 7:30. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary