



Jonathan Trumbull Library

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September 16th, 2021
Regular Meeting – Board of Trustees
ZOOM

Present: Cathe McCall, Maureen McCall, Janice Knudsen, Eilleen Weinsteiniger, Heidi Worthington and Michelle Kersey and 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 – Motion (Heidi Worthington/Eilleen Weinsteiniger) to approve the minutes to the August 19th, 2021 meeting. The motion carried with none opposed.

Directors' report: Matt reported.

- Long-time volunteer, Peter Shannon, passed away. He had done all of the labels when the library was digitalized. Donations being made to JTL. Also a donation was done in memory of Lois Cotter who had an appreciation for JTL as well. Matt finds it rewarding that we have had such a positive impact on people.
- Trivia, Book Club and Yoga continue
- There are two Zoom accounts being used
- Friends – Book brigade held yesterday with about 20 volunteers. It took about an hour to do the job and it was great fun.
- A couple of incidents happened with staff but no one was injured. One was using a chair with wheels to do shelving. Matt purchased a step stool. One fell while closing. Reminder to have the outside light on.
- Discussion on increasing the salary of the Library Assistant position.
Motion (Heidi Worthington/Eilleen Weinsteiniger) to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that the base salary of the Library Assistant position be increased to \$18.00 per hour as of January 1st, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.
- Due to popular demand, Ancestry.Com is again available at the library.
- Circulation – Not such good news for August. It was below 2019 but then, we are still affected by Covid and are set up in the Community

Center which might affect attendance as well. Circulation on some of the children's selections have gone up now that the books are out of the crates.

- Matt reported that the latest survey shows that now 11% of children are being home-schooled.
- Maureen noted that she occasionally listens to the daily updates by the children at LES and LMS and has heard the children giving promotions on things happening after school at JTL.
- Matt and Maggie send kudos to the great volunteers that have been doing so much at the library - Hazel, Aaliyah, Natalie, Caleb and Shomriel. Stephanie Baldwin is the latest hire.

Youth Services Director: Maggie had laryngitis and Matt read her report

- Back-to-school season is here! Summer reading books are back at the schools, we're getting into the rhythm of after-school browsing, and our "regulars" coming in on different days.
- Circulation statistics to highlight: With our non-fiction fully unpacked and beautifully organized, thanks to staff and volunteers, J NF increased from 120 to 213.
- Upcoming in October: family and teen movie nights, community poetry open mic, new homeschool STEM with our newest Library Aide, Stephanie Baldwin.
- Partnership with the Lyman English Dept. to run a *Poetry Out Loud* group. Participants memorize and recite poetry in local, state, and national competitions. Public speaking skills, growing a lifelong affinity for poetry, prize money and a trip to Washington DC at stake!
- Halloweekend: Creepy Crawlies animal program with the nature center on Friday, teen-organized scavenger hunt on Saturday outside the library.
- Library patron, Jess Thibodeau, will take over for Mrs. Yeo's Monday story time slot starting in October.
- Mrs. Burns, LES librarian, will run the after school program *Amazing Animals!* And JTL Teen volunteer, Caleb, and I will lead *Read, Rock, and Rhyme* into the second week of October, pending weather.
- Programs:
 - 8/19/2021 - DND, Ian - 7 attendees
 - 8/19/2021 - Magic The Gathering - 3 attendees
 - 8/23/2021 - Cartooning - 5 attendees
 - 8/24/2021 - Afternoon Building - 17 attendees
 - 8/26/2021 - DND, Ivan - 5 attendees
 - 8/26/2021 - Chess - 3 attendees
 - 8/30/2021 - Class Read Aloud - 15 attendees
 - 8/30/2021 - Cartooning - 4 attendees
 - 8/31/2021 - 4-H Breakout Rooms Online - 3 attendees
 - 9/1/2021 - Take&Make Bookmarks - 50 available and ongoing
 - 9/2/2021 - DND - Ivan - 7 attendees
 - 9/3/2021 - Fam Jam - 27 attendees
 - 9/8/2021 - Read, Rock and Rhyme - 23 attendees
 - 9/8/2021 - Amazing Animals! - 6 attendees
 - 9/8/2021 - Take&Make Owl Pencil Holder - 24 available and ongoing
 - 9/9/2021 - DND, Ivan - 5 attendees

- 9/10/2021 - Homeschool Meet Up - 21 attendees
- 9/13/2021 - Classic Read Aloud - 10 attendees
- 9/13/2021 - Cartooning - 4 attendees
- 9/14/2021 - DND, Cailean - 2 attendees
- 9/14/2021 - Reptiles, DPNC - 51 attendees
- 9/15/2021 - Hispanic Heritage Month Scavenger Hunt - 20
- 9/15/2021 - Read, Rock and Rhyme - 14 attendees
- 9/15/2021 - Amazing Animals! - 16 attendees

Sub-Committees:

Bylaws - Nothing to report.

Budget - Nothing to report.

Personnel - Nothing more to report.

Library Trust Fund - Nothing to report.

Building Committee - Things are still on schedule with lots of cement poured. Framing should be done by month's end.

Friends - already reported

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - Nothing to discuss

Hearing no other business, motion made (Eilleen Weinstein/Heidi Worthington) to adjourn at 7:37. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen D. McCall, Secretary