

TOWN OF KENSINGTON
Public Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2023
Kensington Public Library
4:30 pm

Present: Susan Bascom, Trustee-Chairperson; Lauri Murphy, Trustee-Secretary
Susie Gilbert, Library Director.

September meeting minutes were approved.

Proposed Budget Discussion: Due to a scheduling conflict, Trustee and Treasurer Matthew Dow was unable to attend the meeting in person. However, he reviewed the proposed budget and offered invaluable input prior to today's meeting. Reviewed 2023 expenditures and discussed budget request for 2024. The proposed budget will be presented to the town selectman the week of October 23, 2023.

September Statistics report: Visits are up from this time last year and down from last month, coinciding with the end of summer. Circulation is up from last year and decreased from last month, as expected with the end of summer. E-book use is up, and Inter-Library Loan (ILL) borrowing is also up from last month.

Fall events report:

Discussion: Should winter events be offered at 5:00 PM and should a trial of zoom or hybrid events be offered for winter as well? The library director will speak with presenters and regular attendees to further assess.

Wednesday, Sept. 27th at 7 PM (in person): Jo Radnor presents "Wit and Wisdom: The forgotten literary life of New England villages." 10 patrons attended.

Wednesday, October 11 @ 7 PM (in person): Christina Ashjian presents "Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire." 10 patrons attended.

Children's Thursday after school events were full at capacity - limited to 10 patrons due to space.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, October 21st 11- 1 (in person): Julie Cyr returns to the library for another felting workshop. This time we will be making pumpkins!

Wednesday, October 25th @ 7 PM (in person): Erin Moulton presents: “ History and Mystery: A Genealogy Starter Guide.”

October and November book clubs will continue twice for each month.

The children's librarian is planning a group event in December to create and enter the local gingerbread house competition.

The Human Library Project will be offered again in Goffstown in the summer of 2024 and the Director and/or trustees may attend to view this project as a potential future Kensington library offering.

Other:

Proposed Addition news: The Director is waiting for the architect to provide more plan details and the Greenland Library warrant article was offered as a comparison to review. The Director is exploring fundraising opportunities for the library addition project.

Ancestry and Heritage genealogy memberships will be canceled due to low usage and the availability of free trial memberships.

Business for Next Meeting:

Review personnel policy and finalize and prepare for the start of Google options for trustee business matters and communication.

Adjourned at 6:30 pm

Next meeting: November 16, 2023

