

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2021 at 3:00 pm
Location: Etna Library

Present: Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall, Jeff Metzler

The October Minutes were accepted.

Librarian's Report

Review of Programs: With cold weather, the final outdoor Friday morning story time met October 29. The programs for young children are now offered via Zoom. Some 60 children took part in the virtual Halloween craft. Among children who submitted pictures of their decorated pumpkins, a raffle winner received a Still North Books gift certificate.

October Circulation: Etna patrons borrowed 912 items. Etna's own collection circulated 803 items through Etna, Howe Library and inter-library loans.

October Patron Visits: Masked visits to the library included 213 adult, 91 child and four YA.

Old Business

Tent Refund: Research continues for alternative tenting for flexibility in outdoor gatherings and better endurance.

Pie Sale: Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale is slated for Wednesday, November 24. Beginning at 9 am, it will follow the successful drive-through method used in 2020. The library will place signs and promote the event online.

Volunteers: With help from our volunteers, the library has resumed 10-to-noon Saturday openings.

Barbara's Corner: A tribute to our recently retired librarian featuring a plaque and photograph will be mounted beside the children's reading nook.

New Business

Future programs: Under consideration are series speakers, crafting for adults and a bingo-inspired reading incentive.

Library Survey: An online survey to patrons would provide a forum for ideas on materials, use of space, and donation of time and skills from the community.

Wishlists: With approaching budget requests, Jeff's list as new librarian includes a laptop computer for shared patron use in the building and a reliable internet server. Several items are under consideration.

Also during October Jeff visited the Howe Library's research department.

Next meeting: December 7 – Tuesday – 3pm

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Cornell, Secretary