

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2021 at 3:00
Online Meeting on Zoom

Present: Barbara Prince, Elizabeth Cornell, Kathleen Chaimberg, Liz Marshall
Acceptance of the February Minutes was moved and accepted.

Librarian's Report

February Circulation: It has been very busy! Circulation at the library was way up in February compared to 2020 with an increase of 50% or more. Circulation of the collection was also up compared to last year. For downloadable books, the total for Howe and Etna was up compared to last year. It is assumed that Etna's share is about 25% of the total. The streaming service, Kanopy, is also going strong but it is too soon to do comparisons with last year.

Review of Programs: Storytime continues to be popular with between 3 and 19 kids attending. People love the craft packets Sarah does each week. Recent crafts include suncatchers and birds. The packets are left out on the porch so that families can come and pick them up before the storytime zoom meeting. Mr. Aaron did a program via zoom, drawing about 25 or 30 people. Henry Homeyer's talk drew 69 people. The knitting club had about 6 people and the book group had about 15 people.

Eagle Scout Free Library Project: An eagle scout is hoping to build a free library in the bird sanctuary, at Costello Field, or at the Etna General Store. Another option for his project would be to install an awning behind the library – attached to the building or free-standing. The table and chairs could stay under the awning and make for a cozy outdoor space for people to read, use the library's wireless Internet signal, or gather. These ideas will be suggested to the eagle scout.

Old Business

Library Services: No changes are planned for checking out and returning books. The table on the porch now has a second tier for holding books for pickup. Discarded materials are always available for free!

Plaques on Outside Chairs: A volunteer is interested in doing this but he needs to wait for the Dartmouth shop to open.

Budget FY2022: Barbara did a presentation of the budget to the select board. It will be voted on at town meeting. There is a new computer in the budget.

Trustee and Librarian Annual Reports: The trustee report is done and is going to be reviewed shortly. It will be sent in to the town on Friday. This is Barbara's 20th year! A picture of Barbara in the library will accompany the trustee report.

New Hampshire State Library Statistics: Barbara is gathering data and working on this.

New Business

Upcoming Programs: Ideas for programs about cooking and local history were discussed.

Next Trustee Meeting: April 20 3PM

Respectfully submitted, Liz Marshall, Secretary