

Minutes of the March 3, 2025 meeting of the Etna Library Trustees

In attendance:

Jeffrey Metzler-Director

Kathleen Chaimberg-trustee

Betsy Storrs- trustee

John Collier- trustee and secretary

Acceptance of the minutes of the January and February meetings; all agreed.

Library Director Report

February Patron Visits

- **712**
- Last month (January): 740
- February, 2024: 681

February Programs

- LEGO Club (3 gathering): average of 14 attendees at each gathering
- Arts & Crafts (1 gathering): 13
- Cookbook Club (1 gathering): 9
- Movie Night (1 gathering): 0
- Knitting Group (2 gatherings): average of 5 attendees at each gathering
- Book Group (1 gathering): 14
- Universal Yums (1 gathering): 16
- Story Time (8 gatherings): average of 3 attendees at each gathering
- Take-home Valentine's Day Card kits: 45 kits given out
- First movie night did not bring in folks; will try setting the time later at 5:30 rather than 5 and will announce that families are welcome to bring a picnic.

February Circulation

- Items OWNED by Etna: **1,118**
- January: 1,235
- February, 2024: 986
- Items CIRCULATED AT Etna: **1,037**
- January: 1,106
- February, 2024: 894

February Website Visits

- 311 Unique Visitors (405 in January)
- 434 Site Sessions (596 in January)

February Donations

- Peter, Katherine, and Elisabeth Birnie: \$25,000 (for gazebo)

- \$1,200 in other donations, from two donors.

Old business:

Gazebo; Jeff discussed the results of responses to the invitation to comment on the potential of a gazebo near the parking lot. Summary: all responses were positive; no negative input. Some recommendation included moving the gazebo a bit further from the parking lot. Next step might be to have an open house to get more feedback.

Paul Simon has offered to put together our application to the planning board. Jeff and John met with him and his assistant at the library. We provided them with the details of one possible gazebo (from Carriage Shed) and a drawing/map of the property and proposed gazebo location. Paul indicated that he needed a more detailed survey which Jeff was able to obtain from the town and has passed on to Paul.

The possibility of screens and a screen door was discussed; John will look into the costs associated with adding these to the gazebo. We will need benches along the sides of the gazebo. Jeff and Betsy met with the Hayes Farm leadership group which was supportive of the concept of the gazebo.

Jeff would like to organize a ‘volunteer appreciation’ event.

New business:

Kathleen’s term will be finishing in May/June so we need to identify folks who might be interested in joining the board.

Jeff is working to set up summer programming; some will be repeats from last year including the magician.

Town Report – Jeff is working on the annual Town Report, due March 21. Kathleen will write the Trustee Report.

Seed Library – will return in early April. Jeff has requested seeds through Seed Savers and other organizations and has ordered some seeds online.

NH State Library Statistics – Jeff is working on these; due April 30

Upcoming programs

- Bilingual Winter Story Walk @ Craft
Saturday, March 8 @10:30
Hanover Conservancy

- Grace Wallace, Jazz Musician
Wednesday, March 12 @6:30pm

- Iggy Who Breathes Fire craft
- Saturday, March 15 @10am

April meeting date:

Monday April 7th, at 5 pm