

Etna Library Trustee Meeting June 18, 2019

Present: Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall, Barbara Prince

The May meeting minutes were accepted.

Librarian's report: Barbara presented monthly and annual trends in library usage; it was noted that circulation numbers were up in May when compared to last year.

Old Business

Historic Homes Programs: Work is ongoing to launch the first presentation planned in this series (Richard Baughman).

Etna Library note cards: Are bagged and ready to be given as prizes at Hanover Center Fair. They will also be made available for sale in packs of 5 for \$5 at the library.

Summer Programs: Kate, from Wise, will lead a discussion on the memoir Educated by Tara Westover on July 10 at 7 pm.

Summer Reading Program prizes: Patrons are encouraged to enter a raffle to win a variety of prizes (gift cards from Ramunto's, Morano gelato, the Norwich Bookstore) by recommending a book to read. Children keeping summer reading logs are eligible to win an ice cream from the Etna General Store.

Steve DenHartog print: Bidding is ongoing for this donated heirloom print.

Jerry Nunnally Lecture series: Gary Johnson's presentation on the early history of roadways is planned for early September; exact date to be confirmed with Trumball Hall.

Hanover Center Fair: An Etna library Mother Goose styled book wagon will join the parade in keeping with this year's theme. Barbara will conduct a reading of children's stories at 1 pm and the library will feature a fun and informative exhibit where participants are encouraged to match names to prominent faces/places in the library's history, with prizes for participation.

Lighting above children's nonfiction section: Sources for antique or reproduction lamps to match existing library lighting were discussed.

Apron Making program: Was presented by Mary Ellen Rigby to a small group on June 8 and considered a success.

Tuesday morning/noon programs: A discussion about replacing Story Time with an adult program in this time slot will be deferred to fall as children continue to attend/enjoy it.

Coyote program: The possibility of inviting ecologist Chris Schadler to speak at a fall program, potentially jointly sponsored by the Hanover Conservancy, was discussed.

Recovering chairs: Mary Ellen Rigby has volunteered to reupholster the sitting chairs in the annex room.

New Business

Library Coverage: A discussion was held with respect to the Saturday volunteers and the unintended consequences/implications of their not being authorized to access the Howe online circulation system. It was noted that volunteering at the library is a highly valued activity by these individuals and one that increases the sense of community and belonging that are key determinants to the library's success.

The next meeting of the trustees will be July 23, 2019 at 4 pm