

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes July 7, 2022

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

The June meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Librarian's Report: Jeff presented usage and circulation figures for June noting that patron visits and circulation from the collection continue to be brisk. At 377, the number of patrons welcomed through our doors represented the second highest total since Jeff began his tenure.

Review of programs: The adult book discussion group and the knitters saw robust attendance in June, while future readers enjoyed Story Time accompanied by fresh air twice a week. On June 21st, the fascinating field of genetic genealogy was remotely presented by Jennifer Stone Randolph and has been archived for viewing on YouTube.

Old Business

Summer Activities: 50 tote bags designed to engage children with this summer's Oceans of Possibilities reading theme were distributed and we look forward to following along as they chart their progress with the aid of Jeff "Captain" Metzler's original board game.

Library Mission Statement: With the intent of making explicit our core values of tolerance, inclusivity, free access to uncensored information and promotion of literacy, our mission statement has been updated and will be prominently delineated on our website.

Library postcards: Preliminary designs for an Etna community mailing to introduce our new website, update our hours and broaden our patron base were reviewed. Mailing is targeted for the fall, possibly paired with an Open House event, after completion of new shelving being erected.

New Business

Upcoming programs: With a book's index being the print equivalent of Google, Michelle Guiliano plans to give us an insider's perspective on how these mini search engines are created on July 28 at 7 pm.

New Town Manager: Alex Torpey has been chosen by the Selectboard to replace Julia Griffin as town manager. Jeff and Sarah had the opportunity to meet with Alex and say farewell to Julia as the new hire toured each municipal department during his orientation to Hanover.

Banner/Parades/Olde Time Fair: A proposal to create a banner for display during the library's traditional participation at such community wide events as the fourth of July parade and the Hanover Center fair was discussed.

New Fiscal Year: Jeff reported that funds for the new shelving have been allocated from the next fiscal year's budget starting July 1st. In order to accommodate space for the new shelving, the current patron accessed desktop computer will be replaced by a laptop.

Bookmarks: Jeff has designed and will print for distribution new bookmarks updated to reflect the changes to the library's hours of operation. It was noted that those changes more closely align with patron visit patterns and have been generally well received.

The next meeting of the trustees will be August 26 at 8 am..