

Etna Library Trustee Meeting

Sept. 15, 2020, 3PM

Present: Barbara Prince, Elizabeth Cornell, Kathleen Chaimberg, and Liz Marshall
The meeting was held using Zoom because of the governor's emergency COVID-19 plan.
The August minutes were accepted.

Librarian's Report:

August circulation: Barbara continues to send out emails to patrons with lists of new book titles. The lists include an image of the book cover that will soon link to more information about the book. Circulation is less than last year due to the pandemic but is still brisk.

Review of Programs: Some new programs for adults and children were very popular. For adults, furniture refinishing drew an attentive crowd. For children, architecture basics was a big success. An Eric Carle program taught kids about his unique style of making illustrations and each child was able to choose a book to keep. One of the highlights for our librarians and some socially distanced families was the introduction of outdoor story time on the lawn behind the Etna Fire Station. Three have been held so far and more are planned. Some indoor venues are being considered for small group story times when the weather gets colder. The craft and book groups continued to meet and twice-weekly zoom story times continued as well.

Old Business

Library Services: Patrons typically call or email to order materials and then pick up the order at the library when it is ready. Barbara is considering ways to make it easier for people to search for materials. Interlibrary loans have begun, but there is a time lag due to quarantining at both the lending and receiving libraries. Lots of new books have been ordered and lots have been discarded. Ideas for making the discards available were discussed. Some ideas for fall craft programs were discussed. A kit of items could be assembled for each child to pick up prior to the (zoom) program. The kids could then show their assembled crafts during the zoom meeting or they could send in a picture.

A number of kids got \$10 gift certificates from Still North Books for participating in the summer reading program. There was one raffle for adults turning in reviews and another one will be done in October.

Etna Library Mugs: We will order 72 mugs from Discount Mugs using the winter image of the library.

Plaques on Chairs: The town uses Gordon Stamp in VT for the chairs on Main St. Polished brass doesn't weather well so Barbara will explore other options.

Magnolia Tree: It will get sprayed in the fall but for now, the wasps have settled down.

New Business

Upcoming Programs: One idea is a program that teaches people how to make cards or stationery. Bob Keene could do a historical program. We will consider doing something for Halloween.

Next meeting: Oct. 13 at 3PM.

Respectfully submitted, Liz Marshall, secretary