

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2021 at 3:00 pm
Location: Etna Library

Present: Barbara Prince, Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall
The June Minutes were accepted.

Librarian's Report

June Circulation: Total circulation at the library was 818, up from 35 in June 2020. Etna's collection circulated 699 items, compared to 132 in June of last year. While browsing is now available by appointment, take-out circulation continues to serve patrons and keeps both librarians busy filling online orders. Barbara continues to offer discarded books to patrons.

Review of Programs: Roughly sixty patrons viewed local author Jay Barrett's "Lost Hanover" program, accessible by zoom and youtube. Donna Roscoe's talk "Bear Happenings in New Hampshire" was also well-attended online, as was Lisa Lacasse's program on birds and bird photography. Barbara and Sarah's twice weekly outdoor storytimes continue to draw families. Knitting group resumed in-person meeting, outside. The book group met outdoors.

Old Business

Library Services: Browsing by appointment began Thursday, July 8, allowing one family to browse during each half-hour time slot. More appointment times will be added as time goes on. No inside programs are planned yet. Circulation take-out service will continue.

ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grants: Public Works will erect the two 10' x 20' tents purchased with funds from the covid-related enterprise grant. The spacious tents will shelter outdoor programs behind the fire station through autumn.

Succession Planning: Job postings for Barbara's replacement have drawn several applicants and candidate interviews are scheduled.

New Business

Upcoming Programs: Morgan Swan of the Rauner Special Collections Library at Dartmouth will present a program both by zoom and in person entitled "Researching Your Historic Home". Jen Manwell will lead a weaving program beneath the tents.

Succession Planning: Trustees will conduct interviews in the coming weeks in collaboration with Howe director, Rubi Simons. Barbara will complete her 20-year service to Hanover library patrons and the Etna community on October 1.

Next meeting: August 24 – Tuesday – 3pm

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Cornell, Secretary