

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes October 14, 2022

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

The September meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

**Librarian's Report:** September proved another banner month with 930 items circulated from the collection, a whopping 300 more than this time last year. Patron visits to the library, of both the real and virtual kind, were also robust.

**Review of programs:** The magic number this month appears to be five, that being the average number of attendees across Story Time, adult book club and knitting group meetings. Twice that many tuned in for The Golden Age of Hollywood, which nonetheless generated a lively Q and A.

Old Business

**Buildings and grounds:** Construction of the new book display shelving is due to start in winter.

**Bookmarks:** Newly redesigned bookmarks are now available at the desk and are being proudly placed within Etna items being circulated to Howe.

New Business

**Upcoming programs:** Andrew Cushing, a NH native with a master's in Historic Preservation, will provide some expert advice on how to conduct research on your old home, November 15 at 630pm on Zoom. The following day, from 330 to 530pm, Sarah will be hosting an adult craft session to construct community paper for a future collage project. Other events in the planning stages include animal adventures with a naturalist guide, Sarah's experience hiking the Long Trail, an inaugural children's book club and a Friday night Lego build fest.

**Community outreach:** Having wonderfully settled in and made his mark on the library and its environs, Jeff has recently begun to engage in mutually beneficial collaborations within our broader community. He will become an ex officio member of the Hanover Historical society and has been working with Vicki Smith of town planning on potential collaborative events with the Hayes Farm committee. To further his professional development, Jeff will attend both the NELA annual conference in Manchester as well as a meeting of the NH Archives group featuring the historic value of church and cemetery records. When not busy with all of the above, Jeff plans to review the 2021 NH Public Library recently released report with an eye towards benchmarking our performance relative to libraries of similar sized communities, to be discussed at a future meeting.

**Holiday Happenings:** The DIY pumpkin decorating kits went out to 55 enthusiastic celebrants last year, with 70 lined up for this season. Look for a photo display of completed Jacks O' Lanterns on our website! The much anticipated Thanksgiving Pie Sale is on deck for November 23 at 0900 with a modest price increase to \$15 per pie. The library will be closed Thanksgiving day and the following Friday.

The next meeting of the trustees will be November 8 at 4 pm.