

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2022 at 3:00 pm
Location: Etna Library, 130 Etna Road, Etna, NH 03750

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

The January minutes were accepted.

Librarian's Report

Review of Programs: Virtual Monday afternoon and Friday morning story times zoomed to as many as 11 households. Jeff and Sarah have assembled take-home kits for a related zoom Valentine project. Knitting group returned to Zoom. Book groups resumed. The Book Bingo reading challenge, ongoing until May, is showing wide enthusiasm. Thirty households tuned in to January's Zoom program featuring Gaelic performer Kyle Carey.

January Circulation: Etna patrons borrowed 667 items. Etna's own collection circulated 619 items through Etna, Howe Library and inter-library loans.

January Patron Visits: Visits to the library totalled 240, masks required. Outdoor pick-up circulation remains available by request.

Old Business

War Memorial Plaque: Jeff detailed a letter written by Etna Ladies Aid member Ruth Perrinez. At the Trustees request he will encourage representatives from the group to join the March meeting discussion.

Crafts: Currently offered every other week in relation to story time themes. Reviving craft programs for teens and adults is also a consideration.

New furniture: Funds for furnishings are included in the budget request.

Library Survey: Some forty patrons responded to the survey released last month. Jeff will send another request before closing.

Website: Jeff is proceeding with website development.

Collection development policy: The policy is complete and will be available to patrons.

New Business

DVDs/Video Games: In response to patron inquiries, Jeff will order DVDs and video games to circulate.

New volunteer: Weekly shelving assistance is now offered by a Simmons College MLS student.

New courier: Volunteer Laura Beleveau will transport books between the Etna and Howe libraries.

Organization of basement: Assessment is underway.

Program ideas?: Local children's book author Clyde Watson and outdoor adventurer Anders Morley are slated for February programs online. Future programs were discussed.

Next meeting: March 1 – Tuesday – 3pm.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Cornell, Secretary