Minutes of the Etna Library Trustees, Dec 30, 2024

Present:
Jeffrey Metzler-director
Betsy Storrs—trustee
Kathleen Chaimberg
John Collier—trustee and secretary

Accepted the November minutes

Librarian's Report

November Patron Visits

- 799
- October: 1,141
- November of 2023: 588

November Programs

- Dia de los Muertos: 20
- Ernest Harold Baynes: 41
- Story Times (7 gatherings): average of 4 attendees at each
- LEGO Club (3 gatherings): average of 30 attendees at each
- Arts & Crafts Club (1 gathering): 22
- Cookbook Club (1 gathering): 5
- Knitting Group (2 gatherings): average of 4 attendees at each
- Universal Yums (1 gathering): 6

November Circulation

- Items OWNED by Etna: 1,064
- October: 1,377
- November of 2023: 987

- Items CIRCULATED AT Etna: 1,028
- October: 1,307
- November of 2023: 996

November Website Visits

- Site sessions: 475 (480 in October)
- Unique visitors: 334 (345 in October)

November Donations

- $1,600 from three different community members.

Old business
---submission of gazebo plan to town
Jeff led discussion of budget planning; punchline is that his meeting with Rob Houseman is that the budget will remain essentially the same but no salary adjustments will happen. Not clear if this is due to budget constraints.

--HR director of the town disallowed Saturday opening with volunteers. It may be possible to get some funding for additional hours of the substitute librarians; it will be up to the selectboard.

Raised $575 from pie sales
Added cushioned seats

Gazebo
Application to the town is in as of today
We can send an email to etna residents
We can put it on the website
We should go look at a vinyl coated gazebo

New Business
-Board discussed and agreed to contact new library patrons at Howe to introduce them to Etna Library.
-Jeff discussed planning of the 1905 event to celebrate the 1905 construction of the Library building.
-No programs in January
-Grace Wallace; a well known singer and her band will be at Trumbull Hall on –Wed Feb 5th

Next meeting of the trustees was agreed to be Monday the 13th January.