

Minutes of the April 7, 2025 meeting of the Etna Library Trustees

In attendance:

Jeffrey Metzler-Director

Kathleen Chaimberg-trustee

Betsy Storrs- trustee

John Collier- trustee and secretary

Acceptance of the minutes of the March meetings; all agreed.

Updates from the Director

March Patron Visits

- **866**
- February: 712
- March, 2024: 796

March Programs

- LEGO (5 gatherings) – average of 26 attendees at each
- Arts & Crafts (2 gatherings) – average of 14 attendees at each
- Cookbook Club (1 gathering) – 16 attendees
- Movie Night (1 gathering) – 11 attendees
- Knitting Group (2 gatherings) average of 8 attendees at each
- Stories with Scooter (1 gathering) – 0 attendees
- Book Group (1 gathering) – 11 attendees
- Story Time (8 gatherings) – average of 4 attendees at each
- Bilingual Winter Story Walk – 18 attendees
- Iggy Who Breathes Fire – 5 attendees
- (Grace Wallace event had to be cancelled again)

March Circulation

- Items OWNED by Etna: 1,294
- February: 1, 118
- March, 2024: 1,033

- Items CIRCULATED AT Etna: 1,151
- February: 1,037
- March, 2024: 1,005

March Website Visits

- 512 site sessions (434 in February)
- 329 unique visitors (311 in february)

March Donations

- \$970 total from five different donors.

Old Business:

FY26 Etna Library Budget

- The Selectboard decided not to cut \$5,000 from small departments and 25,000 from large departments for the FY26 budget, an idea that had been under consideration.

Gazebo

- Discussion of whether timber frame, vinyl or treated wood is preferable. Maintenance, visual and environmental impacts were also discussed as was the optimal location. It was concluded that more discussion with Alex, the town planner was required; John offered to contact him this month.

Volunteers

- Jeff ordered three volunteer plaques – Jannine Pizarro, Amy Stephens, Beth Vesley-Gross; these should be ready in a week or two.
- Volunteer Appreciation event – Saturday, May 17 or 24?
- Email to volunteers about Saturdays and other needs for volunteers that the library still has.

Seed Library

- All set up as of last week of March; a few dozen seed packets have been taken already.

NH State Library Statistics

- Submitted – circulation, patron visits, and event attendance all increased over last year

New Business:

NH State Library Funding

- Funding for the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) was cut by an executive order – this group provides substantial funding the NH State Library. Without these funds, the future of Interlibrary Loan is uncertain. Jeff wrote an email to Etna Library patrons the second week of March, drawing attention to this matter and asking patrons to consider contact their representatives.

New Library Trustee

- Sharry Baker has agreed to run for the position.

Upcoming programs

- Everest – Sarah Molesworth, Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30, at Trumbull Hall.
- The Beginner's Guide to Cemetery Sleuthing, Erin Moulton, Wednesday, April 23 @6:30, Trumbull Hall. NH Humanities.

May meeting date:

Monday May 19th at 5 pm