

Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes May 12, 2020

Present: Note that this meeting was held via Zoom videoconference and was conducted in accordance with Governor Sununu's emergency order (executive order 2020-04). Present at the time of the meeting were Kathleen Chaimberg, Elizabeth Cornell, Liz Marshall, Barbara Prince.

The April meeting minutes were accepted without revision.

Librarian's Report: Barbara reported that circulation from the electronic collection has greatly increased as the coronavirus pandemic prohibits physical material access. E-books, video streaming and online learning via the Lynda app have all proven very popular with patrons.

Review of Programs: Story Time with Sarah Molesworth has enjoyed widespread participation as children and caregivers near and far gather on Zoom twice weekly. A diversity of other programs with enthusiastic online engagement included interactive Spanish games for children with Silvia Holman, a Q and A session with local author Jodi Picoult and the Etna library book group meetings.

Old Business

Etna Memorial: There were no new updates to the Etna Ladies Aid society's plan to place a memorial to Etna veterans on library grounds due to challenges imposed by Covid 19.

Staff work at home: Following the governor's mandated cessation of community in person access to library materials and physical locations, the directors of NH libraries have held weekly online meetings to plan for their eventual and safe reopening. Both Barbara and Sarah have been thoroughly engaged with a variety of professional development pursuits from home that will support the mission of the library now, and in the future.

New Business

Considerations for staged reopening plans: A state wide task force is in place focused on the safety of material handling and patron flow through physical locations balancing access with mitigating risk of viral transmission. Guidelines will likely evolve as further governmental input and scientific information evolves.

Upcoming programs: A wide variety of online programs are planned in the coming weeks including a self-directed poetry walk, talks on flower garden design as well as tips from a local expert authority on how to grow vegetables. Others in the planning stages include painting, furniture refinishing and cooking demos, pending interest from the community. Looking further forward in time, the NH state library sponsored Summer Reading Program will take place online, with each local library tailoring it to best suit their community.

The next meeting of the trustees will be via Zoom on June 16 at 3 pm.