Etna Library Trustee Meeting Minutes July 22, 2024

Present: Kathleen Chaimberg, Betsy Storrs, Jeff Metzler Absent: John Collier
The June meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Librarian's Report: Perhaps in deference to an amazing run of sunny skies and warm summer days, June in person visits were slightly lower (809) than May (846); while still notably higher than a year ago (610). Similarly, items circulated at Etna (916) and Etna owned items (934) were both slightly off the previous month's and June '23 1,000 plus marks.
Review of programs: The adult communal readers of the Etna book club numbered 11 at their monthly gathering, while StoryTime sessions and the knitting group circles averaged six each. The LEGO club has solidified its place as a strong addition to the regularly offered activities, most recently bringing 19 model builders of all ages together. A curious crowd of 52 adults and children learned about the Amazing World of Lobsters from an entertaining and educational presentation by the UNH marine science docents on June 20th. The biggest draw of the month, however, was the return of the Bicycle Parade which saw 22 adults and 42 children undaunted by some gloomy weather decorate their wheeled conveyances of all shapes and sizes for a colorful and joyous ride set to patriotic music.
Donations: We are grateful for the 17 donations totaling more than $2000 given in memory of Reid Drucker.

Old Business
Buildings and Grounds: Following the unfortunate basement flooding this spring, consideration is being given to the purchase of a sump pump which ideally would include the capability of sending an alert to Hanover DPW if water spillage was detected. In our ever-present quest to maximize space and expand offerings, the possibility of adding new bookshelves is being explored with a local builder looking into cost and materials. Plans for an outdoor gazebo are ongoing, currently awaiting input from the town Planning and Zoning officials. Aspirationally, preliminary discussion was held regarding an expansion of the library footprint with a second addition.

New Business
Hanover Town Manager: It has been announced that Alex Torpey will be stepping down before his term expires. Rob Houseman has been named interim manager.
New Fiscal Year: Beginning July 1st funds become available for new circulating materials, programming, and physical space enhancements.
Water Cooler: The possibility of adding a water cooler for public use with service from a WRJ company was discussed.
Upcoming programs: An all-day celebration with outdoor bubble making stations and indoor snacks and stories will be held 7/23. Scooter the therapy dog returns for a visit 7/24. A large crowd is anticipated for the ever-popular Alyx the Magician, to be held at Trumbull Hall 7/26.

The next meeting of the trustees will be Wednesday, August 28 at 1600.