

Library Meeting Notes: October 27, 2022

APPROVED
11/17/2022

Opened meeting at 3:40PM.

Present: Gloria Nickerson, Rebecca Ketchum, MaryAnn Anderson, Nina Pleasants (Librarian)

Absent: Marnie Bottesch, Jill Lawrence

Meeting Minutes of 9/22/2022 approved.

REVIEW OF OCTOBER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

1. The play "Representation and How to Get it" was a partial fulfillment of the \$3,000 ALA Grant. Held at the Mill Stream Elementary School it was attended by 20 people. Pay for Nina Pleasants, librarian, and Sallie Wilder, substitute librarian, should be allocated from grant monies. Nina worked at the event and Sallie covered in the library during its open hours. A report with video documentation will be written by Nina, as requested, for receiving the grant.

Out of the \$3,000 only \$1,350 has been spent for the play, not including the above salaries. An additional \$100 is being added for Leslie Mann of Athens, Maine for the video documentation.

Remaining monies to be spent by the end of 2022 is \$1,650. If not spent then will be returned. Grant objective is to open communication around community needs. Family Violence Project (FVP) stopped by to drop of materials. Nina spoke with the representative about doing an event. FVP runs several different kinds of activities to promote conversation and awareness. More information is needed on both sides of what is wanted and how it would be done. There are other areas that can be addressed by contacting community leaders regarding community concerns and needs. Becky will be finding the original list of head of organizations. Time deadline makes this a hard goal to reach.

2. Chewonki – Bats was attended by all adults. Possible conflict for kids to attend may have been a scheduling conflict with the local sports event on that Saturday. Another is the subject matter may have not been as appealing to the younger population.

3. Adult Play with Clay, first session had 10 participants. The response was enthusiastic. The desire to see more adult events was stated by the attendees. This is a 2-part activity. An additional \$90 was spent for acrylic paint, brushes and tools.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED EVENTS:

November 12 - For adults an Accordion Memory Book. A 10:30 am start, all supplies are being provided by the presenter with \$0 cost to the library. Nina has the promo materials ready to go.

November 17 – Children's Story and Craft with the topic of Wild Turkey for the craft. Book to be determined. Going forward, no specific story or craft will be mentioned. Gloria will work with Nina and jointly sign off on the topic/crafter. The key message is "3rd Thursday @ 10:30 is Pre- K time!" Participation and enthusiasm for this event is growing.

November 30 - Book Club (no one attended October meeting)

December 10 – Community Holiday Stroll. A library table at the Grange for paper ornament decoration and a craft bag with one to take home. Other items to be determined for a Library giveaway if desired.

December 15 – Kids Storytime and Craft

Updates: Plaque applied to the Bench donated in the memory of Avis Emery. Nina is planning a dedication event and related publicity and will review it with Town Manager. (Post meeting note: Tentative plan AND date will be shared with the board before talking to Rosalie Perkins.)

Audubon backpack has not been out lately. Promotion to be placed on Town webpage by Nina.

New Business: Two new groups are meeting at the library on a regular basis. One is an English as a Second Language (ESL) and the other is an American Sign Language (ASL) group. Both use the Library space for practice.

Pop Up will be purchased for the library to use during outdoor events such as Oosoola Days.

Book Picks: Limited time allowed discussion of book picks. Nina added 2 additional children's books to the list as well as 2 adult books. Bringing the total up to \$170.

Starry Messenger – Tyson
Dreamland – Spark
Righteous Prey – Sandford
The Winners – Bachman
The Terrible Two Get Worse – Barnett (Childrens)
Lucy by the Sea – Strout
Travels with George: In Search of Washington – Philbrick
The Many Daughters of Moy Afong – Ford
Firekeeper's Daughter – Boulley (Young Adult)
The Three Billy Goats Gruff – Barnett (Childrens)
The Latecomer – Korelitz
? David Baldacci
? Louise Penny

Large Print book purchases discussed. Single patron uses large print books other read back and forth. Nina believes that patron has moved. Due to cost, confusion over shelving, and lack of need, large print books will not be ordered unless on sale and truly exceptional.

Upcoming Budget Review Meeting. Becky asked trustees/librarian to review the budget carefully before the next meeting. Think about needs in terms of purchases: pop-up tent, printed advertising banners, etc.; think about programs and the program budget. Come with ideas. One suggestion for a new program was made: Tim Cavalry of Allagash Tails has multiple programs that can span child to adult. An estimated cost of \$250 will have to be verified. Mr. Cavalry has several books at the library. <https://www.allagashtails.com>

Budget review was scheduled for 12/15, however letter rec'd from Town Manager this week asks for budgets by 12/10. Becky will check this with Town Manager, hopefully we can stick with 12/15 date; if not we will meet on 12/8.

Next Board meeting on 11/17 at 3:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Anderson