

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES
DECEMBER 15, 2022**

Opened at 3:40 PM

Present: Becky Ketchum, Gloria Nicholson, MaryAnn Anderson, Marnie Bottesch

This meeting was held at Sophie May Library, where the minutes of the previous meeting were passed with one correction.

Reviewed budget. Becky said she would finalize and hand it in.

Extended discussion on proposed future programs and events. MaryAnn has a series of art and gardening programs that she will facilitate in the Spring. Somerset County Extension talks are free—we would have to pay for materials, if used. There are Allagash nature programs for about \$200 and podcast programs which come with reusable, cleanable earbuds for use in the library. A plant exchange is a possibility and the Drew Reptile show was very popular. Maine artists and writers are wonderful additions to any library.

We need a pop-up tent with a large banner publicizing the library for outdoor events—obtainable through ~~the Eastman Grant~~the miscellaneous donations fund.

Book picks:

MAD HONEY, Jodi Picoult

DEMON COPPERHEAD, Barbara Kingsolver

THE BULLET THAT MISSED, Richard Ozman

ALL GOOD PEOPLE HERE, Ashley Flowers

TOM CLANCY RED WINTER, Marc Cameron

LIFE ON THE MISSISSIPPI, Rinker Buck

MUSICAL TABLES, Billy Collins

DELIBERATE CRUELTY, Roseanne Motillo

PAUL NEWMAN, Paul Newman

DINNER WITH RUTH, Nina Totenberg

THE BOOK OF EVERLASTING THINGS, Aanchal Malhotra

HOUSE MADE OF DAWN, Scott Momaday

After closing the meeting, we went to the Mercer Road Library to say goodbye to Nina Pleasants, our retiring librarian. Gloria, grandmaster of the cookie, regaled all with a delicious spread and cider.

Next meeting: January 26, 3:30 PM.

Submitted by Marnie Bottesch, secretary