



**Norridgewock Board of Library Trustees**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 25, 2023**  
**3:30 PM**  
**Norridgewock Public Library – Mercer Rd.**

Meeting opened at 3:35 PM.

Present: Marnie Bottesch, Becky Ketchum, Jean Lancaster, Gloria Nicholson, and Librarian Robin Wilson

Minutes of Last Meeting: Reviewed and approved (only correction = date in heading, 4/20 not 4/23)

**On-going Business:**

- Events
  - Fire Safety Day will be August 5, 10:30 to noon. Staffing discussed (Jean and either Becky or Jill). Handouts still TBD. 12 fire safety books available. See what NFD plans to handout; last year they gave out a coloring book plus the firefighter hats. Prior years, library had inside display which encouraged attendees to go inside the library after the outside demo. June meeting reminder: review books that library has in catalog that can be used for display.
  - Ann Dorney: Robin will: finalize details with Ann (still need place and confirmation of time -- 7:30 or 8:30 start? and devise / oversee (Nina?) publicity (newspaper?/flyers/ display inside the library). Discussed getting Maine Birds guide/one per family or group/order 12 copies at \$7.95 each.
  - Story Time June 15. Gloria will decide on topic next week; Becky/Jill(?) will assist at the event.
  - Summer Program: "Maine's Woodland Animals". Design: present facts about the animal, then read a story about it, and have a craft. Draft flyers prepared by Robin discussed; Robin will revise accordingly and send revised draft back to Trustees by June 1; approval by June 6 so flyers are ready for distribution by MSES on June 9. (The packet will include promotion of bird walk/summer program/fire safety day and a one page 3-month calendar of library events, including birds/summer program dates/ending with Oosoola Days.)
  - Discussed standard operating procedure for flyers. Going forward, 15 copies of flyers (2 for Post Office or 1 if cardstock) will be printed. Jean will oversee distribution of flyers, with Marnie as primary back-up, and Robin posting at York's and Ainslie's II. Other distribution points (some applicable for only some events): PO, bank, Oosoola, Mad House Grill, Smithfield Store, Reny's, Hannaford, library, town office, one for each trustee.

**Planning & New Business:**

- Robin reported that online newspaper subscription cost is \$79 for 52 weeks. Launch will start as soon as she has promotional materials ready.
- Jean reported on Tamara White. Pack Rat Adventures/ 25'/fact game based on presentation/free book. \$300. Tentatively Fall/Winter after school or weekend program.

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- Marnie reported on Chewonki, including providing a list of all potential programs. Trustees to carefully review list for next meeting. Select one, reserve tentative date w/ Chewonki, but dependent on school calendar /ball field especially, so will not finalize date until the Fall.
- Discussed offering a Yoga program. All trustees in favor. Jean's daughter has volunteered to lead this. Potential locations discussed and overall favored the park. Jean's daughter will provide input (and availability) in terms of day/time to have these sessions.
- Robin reported that Mr. Sean & his puppet is a 45' show/ \$150. She will re-send the link to trustees for review in our June meeting.

**Other:**

- Librarian's Report: agreed "unique patron" = anyone who checks out a book. In case of joint accounts, each person tallied individually. "Visit" = people who come into the library on library business; exclude from count public works, IT, Maine State Library, etc.
- Book Picks for May: picks did not include any LP books. Reviewed some on sale LP books but determined they are on sale for a reason: not authors that are especially popular with our patrons. Robin/ trustees invited to research further so at least one LP pick this month

**May Book List**

1. *Simply Lies* by David Baldacci
2. *The 23<sup>rd</sup> Midnight* by James Patterson
3. *Fourth Wing* by Rebecca Yarros
4. *The Covenant of the Water* by Abraham Verghese
5. *Between Two Strangers* by Kate White
6. *The Secret Book of Flora Lea* by Patty Callahan Henry
7. *Hula: A Novel* by Jasmin Lolani Hakes
8. *The Someone New* by Jill Twiss
9. *The Big Umbrella* by Amy June Bates & Juniper Bates
10. *Little Fox Has Feelings: A Book about Accepting Emotions* by Didi Dragon & Maria Mau
11. *Happy-Go-Lucky* by David Sedaris
12. *Happy Place* by Emily Henry

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM. Next regularly scheduled meeting June 22 at 3:30 PM.

Submitted by Becky Ketchum on May 31, 2023