

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES**MAY 27, 2021**

Opened 10:16 AM - in person, thankfully

Present: Becky Ketchum, Sallie Wilder, Marnie Bottesch, Richard LaBelle, TM, & Robin Wilson, Librarian

Meeting notes (4/22/21) accepted as written.

Richard informed us that Alice Emery had gifted the Norridgewock Library System with a \$20,000 bequest.

The large sign by the ballfield will note the library's open hours, which will be helpful in these closing months of the pandemic when there is much confusion about openings, closings, and other restrictions.

A Maine State Library technician is coming to upgrade all digital devices which need upgrading.

Bulletin board addition: Robin will put up a large 3-month calendar of Events and the Summer Reading Program Schedule.

To kick-off the summer reading program Children's author, Patty Farrin, will be reading her new book Mocha Overboard at the Mercer Road Library on Saturday, June 26th, 2021 at 10:30 .

The summer reading program will run from June 26th to August 7th. The free take-and-make craft bags that will be handed out each week were reviewed and tweaked during the meeting. Additionally, Robin showed the board the prizes that will be awarded (donated by Robin; many thanks).

The adult reading program runs at the same time, adults getting checked out and noted each time they read a book or books. Fliers will be out around town and there will be an ad in the free weekly newspaper. There will also be a notice on the Town Facebook page and on the Library events page.

It was agreed to schedule Chewonki MAMMALS OF MAINE program for the fall. The program will be scheduled for Saturday, September 25th, (time to be determined) at the Norridgewock Grange. \$280 + mileage. As of now the presenter must be 6' from the audience and will follow whatever CDC instructions are in place at the time. The age range is second grade to adult and there will be at least one live animal. Payment is not due until one month before the presentation.

The final event in the children's summer reading program will be a Fire truck gig with the firemen outside with hats and horns and water for everyone to frolic in, August 7th (Robin will call the fire dept to set the date).

We spent \$225 this month on new books which are noted by number: 1, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13. 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 24, 30.

There was a discussion about keeping all Sophie May Library materials as non-circulating.

Closed: 12:01PM

Submitted by Marnie Bottesch, Secr.