

**LIBRARY BOARD MEETING NOTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

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Opened at 4:05 PM

Present: Becky Ketchum, MaryAnn Anderson, Sallie Wilder, Gloria Nicholson, Marnie Bottesch, Richard LaBelle, Town Manager, and Robin Wilson, Librarian.

Meeting notes of October 28, 2021 accepted as written.

Status of ARPA \$3,000 grant- purchased a printer and cartridges, waiting for Maine State Library to help with installation.

Waiting for Town work crew response regarding the repair of the book return box

Motion made and passed to buy a digital camcorder, cards, and tripod for library use and, also with a view to ARPA, looking to buy adult and children puzzles, Lego sets, standing ease, paper, paints; magazine subscriptions, large screen tv for in-library viewing of such things as story time.

Friday, December 3, Barbara Winslow will read and video record one or more children's stories. These will then be available to the library.

On the first \$170,000 ARPA, requests are needed by December 1. We have requested a 20' x 30' concrete slab with posts and roof, the interior furnished with picnic tables/chairs for outside use by library patrons.

We have a handsome NEW books bookmark which will be updated every month for both adult and children's books. A poster incorporating these will be posted around town every month. (MB would be happy to distribute them)

The Waste Management composting program is to start in January. When making our monthly book purchase, we should be sure to include some new books on waste management for both kids and adults.

Take and Make crafts will be ready to go on December 4. A flyer needs to go out on this, as well as noting on the library page.

Book Purchase Lists: Becky reminded us to categorize new books to adult vs. children, fiction vs. non-fiction, and genre: mystery, thriller, fantasy, bio, poetry, etc.

Fred & Sheila Marshall donated two books in memory of Kent Sinclair. A note of thanks should be sent to them.

(Robin: provide address and book titles to MB and she will write the thank you, if a note has not been sent.)

Assignments: MaryAnn will research and make recommendations for recording options; Becky will research Lego sets; Gloria will look at puzzles; Sallie art supplies/craft project materials.

Discussion on long-term themes and implementation: MaryAnn suggested we try something new – long-term themes to enhance patron engagement and to attract new patrons. Could be a 12-month gardening theme: what to do each month of the year, would feature speakers, films, Maine extension expertise, composting info, seeds, displays, seedling planting, etc.

We need to reinstate the library newsletter. Quarterly, distributed around town which will talk about the monthly programs. Post on Library page. January should mark the start of the yearly program. Press release on this, too.

MaryAnn mentioned a volunteer program that is offered through her employer, Johnny's Seeds, which would help us.

Because ARPA money requests are due in December, as is the library's 2022 budget, we are having a meeting on December 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM. (UPDATE: meeting moved to Monday, December 13 at Sophie May Library at 3:30PM). December book picks and January crafts will also be decided upon.

Books purchased this month:

*The Corpse Flower*

*Kindness is my Superpower*

*Once There Were Wolves*

*The Wonderful Things You will be*

*Mercy*

*The Sentence*

*On Cats*

*The Paris Library*

*Four Fifths Grizzly*

*Kaqtukowa'tekete'w The Thunder Maker*

*The Killings at Kingfisher Hall*

*Better Off Dead*

*Something Wrong*

*The Midnight Hour*

*Strictly No Elephants*

Becky is donating *Oh William*.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Submitted by Marnie Bottesch, secretary