

RUSSELL MEMORIAL LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING Minutes

September 19, 2017 - 6:30PM

Present: Melanie Cote, Sandy May, Jo-Anne Wisniowski, Deb Chamberlin, Jane Low, Amy Moody, Lulu the dog

The meeting was called to order by Jane Lowe at 6:34 p.m.

The minutes from the July 2017 meeting were read aloud by Amy. They were approved by the board.

Librarian's Report

July Monthly library usage

Usage numbers: Total patrons: 141 ; books checked out: 157 ; Audio Books: 3; new cards 2 ; 1 passport patrons (DOL visit all libraries in VT); 8 computer/wifi ; 10 Passes;

The below challenges were available for patrons to use at any time. They were a part of the summer reading program.

Noodle Challenge - 3 kids, 3 adults; Bridges - 1 adult, 2 children; Lego Challenges - 2 adults, 3 kids; Can you see what I see - 0

August Monthly library usage

Usage numbers: Total patrons: 189 ; books checked out: 140 ; Audio Books:1 ; 3 new cards ; 2 passport patrons; 13 computer/wifi ; 15 Passes ; 1 ILL;1 dog

Planes - 2 adults, 5 kids

\$210 for specialty books leftover from the Strawberry Festival.

Ian & Chelsea Smiley - They are now trained to be library volunteers. They are interested in starting a Friends of the Library group.

8 children have handed in their reading logs. RML will give each student \$7 towards a Scholastic book order.

Deb is a part of the Monkton School after school program which is a great community connection for students with the RML. Deb is doing a program with grades 3-6 and 12 students showed up.

The website looks great! There have been updates to many of the pages.

Listen Up Vermont - Both Melanie and Sandy have loved using this program.

Homecard Program: There's also a flyer about the program. It was posted on FPF. It could be posted as a reminder monthly. We had someone come in from another town to use our Homecard Program.

Upcoming Library Programs

Deb is doing a storytime as outreach at a daycare near the library. This is the first program of this type.

November wildlife program with Helena. (She later had to cancel.)

Apple program - Setting up a story walk on the site on the ridge, pop up library, set up to register for a card, give out apples, craft here at library, October 7th tentatively. The librarians will buy some stakes with velcro.

Kellogg Hubbard has story walks we can borrow.

Halloween - Trunk or Treat at the church and candy is given out at the library.

New Business

Discussion about how much to increase the size of the library to then pass on to the Municipal Building Committee. The board would like to see the square footage of the library tripled at a minimum.

Old Business

Roof - Jane will get a ballpark estimate for a new roof, and if the library would be OK another winter.

Fir Tree - It's dieing. It needs to be taken down. The stump needs to be ground down and replaced with a flowering tree. (Amy would prefer pink.) Teacher Tree Service - Melanie will ask them for a ballpark estimate.

Other Business

Would boot trays be helpful to have inside the door in the winter and spring? Deb mentioned that patrons often remove their boots before entering the library.

Next meeting: October 17, 2017

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Cote