

Fiske Free Library Trustee Meeting, Monday June 12, 2017

Meeting called to order at 5:10 PM

Roll Call

Present: Bill Scala, George Caccavaro, Sean Magee and Arthur Vidro, also present director Michael Grace and secretary Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

Read and Arthur moved to accept it as written, seconded by Arthur Vidro and passed.

Librarian's Report

Circulation increased slightly in May with patrons checking out 7,578 items. 4,200 people visited the library during the month, an average of 162 per day. Patrons used 494 computer sessions and 185 wireless internet sessions for a total of 584 hours of computer time during the month. The Library provided patrons with 22.5 hours of computer time per day during May. 105 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 235 new items were added to the collection. Patrons downloaded 278 audio books and 105 e-books from our downloadable books service. 29 new patrons signed up for library cards during the month.

Circulation of materials

2017	Books	Audio-books	Music CDs	Magazines	Misc	Total Items
January	4477	462	83	30	2073	7125
February	4304	465	71	36	1921	6797
March	4705	522	96	36	2064	7423
April	4366	569	76	21	1893	6925
May	4806	575	94	51	2052	7578

Items added to collection

2017	Books	Audio-books	Music CDs	Magazines	Misc	Total Items
January	294	1	0	3	72	370
February	202	4	0	0	81	287
March	250	4	6	0	184	444
April	392	19	0	1	86	498
May	169	8	0	0	58	235

The Children's department had a reduced schedule of programs in May as they gear up for our Summer Reading events. 49 children attended our STEM and LEGO programs during the month. Also in May a group of 4th graders from the New England Classical Academy visited the library. The students utilized the library's collection of materials on Ancient Civilizations as part of a research assignment.

This year's Children's Summer Reading Program "Build a Better World" will begin on June 23rd with another high energy musical performance by perennial favorite Steve Blunt. Other Summer Reading events will include a puppet program and workshop presented by Diane Kordas, storyteller Simon Brooks, and a River Builders program presented by the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. This summer we are also very excited to be able to host a 3D printer for two weeks. Patrons will be able to design and print keychains and other small items while learning the technology and design skills used in 3D printing. Another not to be missed event will be the solar eclipse on August 21st. The library will be giving out eclipse viewing glasses provided by NASA on that day. The library's Summer Reading Program encourages children to continue reading and learning during the summer months in order to avoid the dreaded "summer slide."

Old Business

Budget discussion/ramifications/stats all discussed.

New Business

Mike Grace has been told by the city manager to start working on a strategic plan to include quality programs, etc. at the library and to find grant money to fund volunteers or how to utilize volunteers without violating the RSAs.

If the budget goes through with the cuts Mike would recommend doing away with the free cards for Claremont educators. Fines will be going up to .25 per item per day for books, and audios.

Everyone has a topic to bring up at the council meeting on Wednesday.

All that the library has gotten through the capital improvement fund is exterior painting and a boiler.

Everything else was funded by the Friends of the library, the Trustees and bequests. Bill Scala complimented George Caccavaro and Arthur Vidro on their letters.

Bill Scala made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Arthur Vidro. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.