

Trustee Meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Bill Scala, Arthur Vidro and Mary Vidro. Also present, Director Michael Grace and Secretary Marta Smith.

Secretary's Report

The report was read and Arthur Vidro asked for a change regarding who previously asked about the new Dr. Seus book-it was actually Arthur Vidro and not Bill Scala who asked.

Bill moved to accept with the revision, seconded by Mary Vidro and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Grace presented the report and also offered to keep preparing the report unless someone else wished to take over the task. No decision was made. One check was issued to cover trust fund book purchases.

Bill Scala moved to accept the report as written, seconded by Arthur Vidro and accepted as written.

Old Business

none

New Business

None

Director's Report

Circulation of materials in September rebounded to near average with patrons checking out 8,654 items. Checkouts in September have averaged approximately 8800 over the last 10 years. Library visits totals 5,450 for the month for an average of 220 per day. Patrons used 1,026 computer sessions for a total of 712 hours of computer usage in September. 137 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 663 new items were added to the collection. The library issued 44 library cards to new patrons. Patrons downloaded 193 audio books and 147 e-books from our downloadable books service.

In September the library offered several programs. On the 16th a large audience gathered to learn about the ancient art of dowsing. Presented by members of the American Society of Dowsters the program included the history of dowsing and demonstrations of the technique. On the 18th Colin Sanborn presented another informative and entertaining slide show highlighting aspects of Claremont's history and how Claremont natives have had influence throughout the world. This program was the ninth in our ten part "Making Connections Series" celebrating Claremont's 250th anniversary. On Saturday the 27th the library welcomed Claremont native and Stevens High School graduate Joe Steinfield, an attorney and columnist for the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript delighted the audience with his memories of Claremont and his tales of a simpler time.

Children's programs will resume in October with Pre-school Story Time on Mondays at 10:30, Toddler Activity Time on Mondays at 10:00 and Tuesdays at 10:30, Crafty Thursday at 10:30, and a special pumpkin decorating workshop on Tuesday the 21st and Wednesday the 22nd, both at 4pm.

City Librarian Michael Grace attended *Supervisor's Academy*, a 4 day course offered by Primex covering a broad range of supervisory issues including, among others, risk management, conflict resolution, time management, and employee motivation.

Coming up in October will be the final installment of our 250th anniversary programs. On the 15th Colin Sanborn will present *What Made Claremont?* a slideshow and discussion of the people, resources, and events that made Claremont the "biggest town in New Hampshire".

The next trustee meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19th at 6pm.

Bill Scala made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mary Vidro and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.