

Trustee Meeting Wednesday, September 17, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Roll Call

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

Secretary's Report

Read and Bill Scala moved to accept it, seconded by Mary Vidro and accepted.

Treasurer's Report

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Old Business

Mike Grace said that the boiler has been replaced and is working as of today.

New Business

We have a new page-Shari Haynes has just come onboard and is replacing Cassidy who has left to start a full time job.

It was suggested that we put up signs advertising for new trustees and Mike Grace indicated that we would do so.

Mike Grace said that there would be a program at the end of September *A Claremont Boy: My New Hampshire Roots and the Gift of Memory* by Joseph Steinfield and that publicity information has been sent to the local papers and other places to let people know about it.

Essay contest Judges-Arthur Vidro was asked to be a judge for the essay contest and he said that he would.

Director's Report

Patrons checked out 8,532 items in August. Total circulation for the year continues to be below average. The average checkout total for August going back to 2000 is approximately 9500. The library continues to be busy however, with just over 6,100 people visiting the library during the month. Patrons used 934 computer sessions for a total of 644 hours of computer usage in August. 141 items were loaned to other libraries through interlibrary loan and 336 items were added to the collection. The library issued 58 library cards to new patrons. Patrons downloaded 181 audio books and 176 e-books from our downloadable books service.

On August 13th Mary Klases-Landis of the Children's Literacy Foundation visited the library to tell stories and give away books to local children. Over 60 children received 2 free books each, donated by the foundation.

In August the library offered a wide variety of entertaining and educational programs. On the 9th Stevens High School graduate and award winning folk singer Cormac McCarthy delighted the audience at the Claremont Opera House with his powerful but often funny working class folk music. Cormac McCarthy appeared as part of the library's yearlong celebration of Claremont's 250th anniversary. On the 12th Ben Kilham, the Bear Whisperer again spoke to a capacity crowd at the library. Kilham's unique insight into black bear behavior never fails to delight and enlighten his audience. On the 18th New Hampshire author Dan Szczesny and his hiking partner Janelle related their adventures as chronicled in his book *The Adventures of Buffalo and Tough Cookie*. And finally on the 25th Vermont author Peter Money read from his latest book, *American Drone*.

In September, Colin Sanborn will be presenting his second slide show highlighting Claremont's history. This program is part of the library's "Making Connections Series" celebrating Claremont's 250th anniversary. In this program Mr. Sanborn will be showing how Claremont has connected with the larger world outside her borders. Also as part of Claremont's 250th anniversary celebration the library is conducting an essay contest for students in grades K-12. Contest rules and entry forms are available at the library.

The project to convert the Claremont oral history project audio tapes has been completed. The 44 audio cassettes have been converted to digital audio format and are now available for check out on CD. The next step in the program is to make the interviews available for download. This project is part of the ongoing effort to make the library's historical and genealogical collections more available to researchers.

Bill Scala asked if we had the New Dr. Seuss book and Marta Smith said that if we didn't already have it then it would be on order soon.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 15th at 6 pm.

Bill Scala moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mary Vidro and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.