

MINUTES

The Amherst Town Library Board of Trustees' Meeting February 22, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Chairman, Don Holden. Also attending were David Hallenbeck, Tom Head, Robin Julian, Bob Lown, Dick Martini, Helen Rowe and Library Director, Amy Lapointe.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The monthly statistics were presented. (see attached). It was noted that due to the community outreach program juvenile statistics were raised.

Concerning the building, a backflow valve failed inspection and has been replaced. The Library closed because of a snow storm on February 12th. The emergency lighting failed to come on during a partial power outage. The electrician is checking on this.

Beginning April 1st GMILCS is beginning a 6 month trial of checking on cki items.

The online book sale sponsored by The Friends of the Library has raised \$73.00 to date. The Friends are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the professional art exhibits as well as the student art show.

Amy announced that Gary MacGuire is the new Town Administrator and that Peter Lyon will take over as police chief. The voter's guide is available at www.amherstnh.gov as well as being in the Amherst Quarterly.

Programming is going well with the preschool outreach being a huge success. The piano concert schedule for February 12th has been rescheduled for February 26th. Islamic Art will be the program for April 5th. YA spring programs are being planned.

Several changes have been made in the location of collections. SF has been moved to the mezzanine because of low usage. The Juvenile CDs are now in the children's room. Folktales are being merged in the juvenile nf collection. A teen issues collection is being started. Holdings of national newspaper back issues is being decreased since most of them are available in data bases.

Gifts in the amount of \$500 for audiobooks and \$300 for a children's room rug were unanimously accepted from the Lion's Club.

A discussion was held relative to HB1120 (requiring Inet filters in libraries) which was determined inexpedient to legislate. Also discussed was a bomb threat made from Newton, MA Free Library.

Amy requested clarification of several issues relating to the Meeting Room Policy. The Board unanimously approved the changes, effective immediately.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Current spending is on target. The income from fines has increased but income is still lagging.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

The next meeting is **Monday, March 20, 2006 at 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Helen D. Rowe, Secretary