

Minutes of the Amherst Library Trustee Meeting  
February 22, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by vice-chairman, Nancy Baker. Also attending were Kathy Brundage, William Cassidy, Robin Julian, Richard Martini, Helen Rowe and Library Director, Amy Lapointe.

The minutes of the January 9 and January 20 meetings were approved unanimously.

Dwight Brew was present as the BOS representative.

**Library Director's Report:**

- **Statistics:** Amy presented the monthly statistics. (see attached) There currently is no common reporting system within GMILCS for reporting statistics. A new matrix for presenting comparative statistics may be looked at.
- **Programs:** All programs have been well attended. Amy noted that 140 patrons attended the January concert. A variety of activities is planned for vacation week.
- **Circulation:** A new self-checkout demo unit has been installed in the Children's room. Nesmith has started transit lending. Michael York has said that the transit lending volume is too high and may need to be cut in half, resulting in a decrease in the van service. GMILCS is looking into supplemental van service.
- **Friends of the Library:** FOL has voted to pay for the cleaning of the back windows. The Spring luncheon will be on April 17. A trip to the Gardner Museum is planned for March 7.
- **eBooks:** Changes have been made relative to early returns of audio books on the mobile site. Penguin Group no longer offers audio or ebooks through Overdrive. The existing Penguin ebooks in the Kindle format now require UBS transfer. Currently only 2 publishers out of the "big 6" are offering ebooks. Amy has volunteered to serving on the NH Downloadable Books Consortium committee. She is looking forward to seeing what is new at the PLA conference.
- **Parker Portraits:** Kathy reported that the Nipmug project restoration of the portraits is completed. The official presentation will be at the joint Quester meeting on March 21.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dick reported the cd's are all set. Our expenses are on target, but the income side continues to be down. (see attached)

**Gifts:** There were to gifts to accept.

**Trustee Reports:**

- **Library Advocacy:** Nancy will send a letter to the *Citizen* prior to the election.

**Old Business:** The Board held a discussion with Dwight Brew on the whole budget process with both the BOS and Ways and Means. It was felt that a letter should be sent to Town Moderator, Steve Coughlin later in the year expressing our concerns over the break-down in this process. Nancy will draft a letter for discussion and approval at a later date. Also discussed was the issue of salary for the pages. Under the current wage scale they are being paid appropriately.

**New Business:** A brief discussion was held over the question of alternates to the Library Trustees Board. The RSA's allow for up to three appointees. This item will be discussed more fully at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen D. Rowe, Secretary

**The next meeting is WEDNESDAY, March 21 at 6:00 PM.**