

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
August 27, 2021**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Phyllis Emery at 5:06pm, with Dena Marger present. Sue Kern and Dave Schottland attended via Zoom. There were no guests.

**Additions to Agenda**

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Preparation

**Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Dave made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes. Sue seconded the motion, and it passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

**-Budget Report**

The budget report was presented.

**-Warrant Approval**

Sue made a motion to approve the warrant, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

**Librarian's Report**

The full Librarian's Report can be found at the end of this document.

- Today's (8/26/21) Story Time will be the last until further interest is gauged.
- \$2950.02 in grant money is going to be received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).
- A new book drop will possibly be purchased.

**Old Business**

**-Covid Protocols**

We are going to continue to require masks indoors but still allow people inside.

**-ARPA Grant**

Please see the Librarian's Report.

**-Dummerston Community Center Board**

-The Community Center Board would like some idea of when we are going to need the use of the meeting room for the book sale.

-In general, Jean Momaney should be called if the meeting room is needed last-minute.

**-Fall Fundraiser**

Please see the Librarian's Report.

**-Strategic Planning**

This will be tabled until October.

**New Business**

**Budget Draft for Fiscal Year 2023 Budget**

Sue will be working with Dena on developing a budget draft to be approved at the September meeting.

**Adjourn**

At 5:55pm Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting. Sue seconded, and the motion was passed.

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**LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY  
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT  
August 2021**

**Statistics for July 23- August 26 , 2021:**

● **Library Visits**

|                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
|                        | <b>Weekday Attendance</b> |
| <b>Adult Visits</b>    | <b>156</b>                |
| <b>Children Visits</b> | <b>47</b>                 |
| <b>Total Visits:</b>   | <b>203</b>                |

● **Materials Circulation**

|                                | <b>Books</b>                                      | <b>DVD/Audio</b> | <b>Children's Materials</b> |
|--------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>LibraryWorld Statistics</b> | (Number includes AV and Children's)<br><b>258</b> |                  | <b>117</b>                  |

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|--|---|---|--|
| LW Renewals  | 47  |   |  |
| ILL  | 12  |   |  |
| AudioBooks/eBooks                                  |   | 5 |  |
| Library World + ILL =Total Circulation             | <u>317</u>  |   |  |
| Total Circulation Last Month                       | 252   |   |  |
| Total LibraryWorld circulation this time last year | Books:<br>Renewals: <u>±</u><br><u>142</u><br>_____ |   |  |

### Programs

|                          | <u>Date</u> | <u>Adults</u> | <u>Kids</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| <u>Fiction Book Club</u> | 7/26        | 5             |             |
| <u>Story Time</u>        | 7/29        |               |             |
| <u>Story Time</u>        | 8/12        | 2             | 1           |
| <u>Story Time</u>        | 8/26        |               |             |
| <u>Movie Night</u>       | 7/31        | 17            | 10          |
| <u>Totals:</u>           |             |               |             |

### Narrative

- **Grant Funding**

I submitted the application for the ARPA grant on August 9th for the amount of \$2950. This is not a competitive grant, which means we will be getting this money. It will be spent on a variety of things, including a new staff computer, a new book drop box and sturdy plastic barcoded library cards for our users.

Additionally, we received a \$200 program grant, of which \$40 has already been spent. The remaining funds will be spent on a presentation from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum to coincide with the End-Of-Summer-Reading-Program event.

We also need to spend the \$1500 Connectivity grant that we received on one or two Chromebook computers for loan or use in-library.

- **Programs**

- **Literary fiction group**

- There was no fiction book group in August, but the next one is scheduled for Monday, 9/27 at 6 pm at the library. The book will be *Everything I Never Told You*, Celeste Ng.

- **Summer Reading Program**

- End of Summer Reading Program event is coming together.

- We will have a party type event on Friday evening, September 17th to roughly coincide with what would have been the Killington Fairy Tale Festival.
    - I'm working on booking the presenter from the Southern Vermont Natural History Museum. He is very knowledgeable and entertaining, and he does events with live animals.
    - We will have a Dragon Egg Hunt event...still to be designed.
    - We will have book and swag giveaways.
    - We will have a StoryWalk
    - We will have a movie outside at 7:00pm: "How To Train Your Dragon"

- Weekly Story Time program**

- See Statistics above
    - Interest in the program has waned as people are out of town this time of year, and the weather has been only semi-cooperative.

- **Collection**

- Audio books: People really want Libby/Overdrive.
  - People also want a streaming service

- **In the Library**

- Our bookdrop is barely functional at this point. Looking forward to getting a new one

- **Community Outreach**

- The Dummerston Cares End of Summer party event has been cancelled. This is a disappointment, because this would have been an excellent outreach opportunity.

- Planning for the Booksale is coming along.

We're gonna have a bake sale along with the book sale

The list of businesses to potentially donate to the silent auction has been divided up

We're gonna have music playing

Volunteers are being coordinated for

- sorting and organizing in the days before the event
- Setting up the tent the Friday before the event
- Setting up on Saturday morning
- Cleaning up on Sunday evening

Submitted respectfully,

Dena Marger 8/25/21