

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 25, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chairperson Phyllis Emery at 5:00pm. Attending the meeting were Dave Schottland, Dena Marger, and Jeanne Bristol.

Guests: Randy Hickin, Paul Chapman, Ann Davis, Lester Dunklee

**Additions to Agenda**

- No additions were made, but “DCC Lease for 2023/2024” was moved to the time after “Recognition of Visitors.”

**Recognition of Visitors**

The visitors were recognized and welcomed, all of whom were members of the Dummerston Community Center Board. They presented the library board with a new lease for 2023/2024, which the library board will need to discuss and vote on at a later date.

**Approval of Last Month’s Meeting Minutes**

The previous board meeting minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Dave to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Jeanne, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**-Budget Report**

- At this time a budget was not presented.

**-Warrant Approval**

- A motion was made by Jeanne to approve this month’s warrant, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

**Librarian’s Report**

- The complete Librarian’s Report can be found at the end of this document.

**Old Business**

**-Dummerston Community Center Board Report**

At the May 1<sup>st</sup> DCC meeting, Dave had asked Randy about having a joint meeting with the DCC to discuss the upcoming 2023/2024 lease. (That joint meeting then occurred at the start of this board meeting.)

**-Website Development**

Dena will continue to look into options for having a website built.

### **-Lost Book Fee**

Dena will be composing an official policy for the loss of books.

### **-Replacing Board Member**

Dave posted on Facebook about this, and he will write a short piece for the next edition of The Views.

### **-May Friends of the Library Program Recap**

*Emailed from Catherine O'Callaghan:*

"The weather that day was a little bleak and I think that discouraged folks from coming out. So I was a little disappointed. We usually sell out of geraniums, but not this year.

However, we brought in \$599 from geraniums and food. I left the auction up until this Saturday in case we get any more bids.

We did have lots of lovely items donated to the auction. I think next year we should have an online component. I will break the auction down on Saturday and collect the money.

I am really hoping this will go to a new website.

Highlights of the festival for me were: meeting people in the library; the art & craft table that the Farwell daughters ran; and, of course, the special Hazelnuts Duo!!!

Right now I am sending thank yous to those who donated and thank you notes to friends who helped behind the scene and in the day.

It feels good to have this on our calendar again and I know it will grow."

### **-May Movie Night Recap**

The 5/27 Movie Night has not happened yet, but will have occurred by the time these minutes are posted.

### **New Business**

#### **-Set New Dates for Movie Nights**

Two more Movie Nights are planned for the summer: 7/22 and 8/26. Dave will check with the DCC board whether these dates work.

#### **-Dave's Ginger Beer Workshop**

Dave is planning to present a free community workshop regarding the production of nonalcoholic ginger beer on 6/25. Dave will check with the DCC board whether this date works and what the cost of using the Meeting Room will be.

### **Adjourn**

At 6:11pm Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jeanne seconded, and the motion passed.

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**LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY  
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT  
May 2023**

**Statistics for April 27 - May 24, 2023:**

- **Library Visits**

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Last month</b>
<b>Adult Visits</b>	82	105
<b>Children Visits</b>	12	7
<b>Total Visits:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>112</b>

- **Materials Circulation**

	<b>Books</b>	<b>Children's and YA</b>
LibraryWorld	66	15
LW Renewals	19	
ILL	5	
Audio/Ebooks (GMLC/OverDrive)	54	
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>144</b>	
<b>Tot Circ last month</b>	<b>194</b>	

<b>Overdrive Via Libby Usage Stats (last 30 days)</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Last Month</b>
<b>Total Checkouts</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>77</b>
<b>Distinct Users</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Ebooks</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>

AudioBooks	33	54
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### Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Participation</u>
5/2	Friends Group met in the library	5
5/13	StoryWalk	20
5/20	Geranium Fest	58
5/27	Knitting Club	TBD
5/27	Cinema Beneath the Stars: Holes	TBD

### Narrative

- **Programs**

- The last Monday in May is Memorial day, so the book club will not be meeting again until June 26. The book is *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian. Dave ordered it through the KitKeeper program, and copies are available in the library.
- I have booked performer Ed Popielarczyk for a program in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program for Thursday July 6. The fee for this program is \$300. It will be paid for with the Summer Programming Grant from the Department of Libraries, which we have now received. This program will be FREE and everyone will be invited to attend. For free. Because we are a *public* library. I believe we have permission to hold this event outside under a tent.
- Our StoryWalk was hung outside on Sat, May 13. The story is *Ragweed's Farm Dog Handbook*, and it's pretty funny. We have it through the month of June. Then, we will be getting a new one in time to coincide with our July 6 SRP event.
- The Geranium fest went well from what I heard. The weather was iffy, the music was good, and attendance was lowish. But, we made some money, about \$599 from sales, and we have yet to collect from the Silent Auction. Catherine decided to leave this open until Saturday, in order for more people to have a chance to bid on stuff.

- **Library**

- Got the file cabinet. In the process of organizing the files.

Submitted respectfully,  
Dena Marger 5/24/23