

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
June 22, 2023**

**Call to Order**

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

Guests: Deborah Stanford (arrived at 6:00)

**Additions to Agenda**

- Library Space

**Recognition of Visitors**

At the start of the meeting there were no visitors.

**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 Lyle, and the motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report**

**-Budget Report**

- The budget was presented and discussed.
- Dena and Lyle are currently working to improve the budget layout, so that it makes more sense.
- Between the Geranium Festival Fundraiser and a generous donation from the Dummerston Community Chest, the library recently received about \$3,000.
- A new budget item regarding professional development for Dena will be discussed in September.

**-Warrant Approval**

- A motion was made by Lyle 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 DCC meeting earlier this month Dave and Jeanne shared about upcoming events at the library, including movie nights and Dave's ginger beer presentation.

### **-Website Development**

Dena has a few leads and potential costs for having a website built.

### **-Lost Book Fee**

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

### **-Lease Update**

The library discussed the new lease proposed by the Dummerston Community Center.

### **-Meeting with DCC**

Lyle will reach out to Randy Hickin about having a meeting with DCC Board.

### **-Joint Programming with DCC**

The library board discussed joint programming with the DCC, which has been proposed by the DCC Board. The library board agreed that we are not comfortable having a donation jar (for the DCC) at any of our events, an idea brought to this board by the DCC. For now, the library will continue its programming independently of the DCC, paying them for use of space.

### **-Summer Programming**

- The Summer Reading Programming will officially begin on Thursday, 7/6 with an event on the Town Common. Dena has hired a magician/comedian.
- There are two more movie nights planned for the summer: 7/22 and 8/26.
- On Sunday, 6/25 Dave will host (and has by now already hosted) a presentation on making nonalcoholic ginger beer.

## **New Business**

### **-Change In Meeting Dates**

A motion was made by Dave to begin meeting on the first Thursday of every month (versus the last), which was seconded by Lyle, and the motion passed. This change of meeting dates will begin on Thursday, 9/7.

### **-Cleaning Out Storage Area**

On Thursday 7/20 several members of the library board and volunteers will meet to begin cleaning out the storage room in the basement.

### **-CD Rollover**

Dave made a motion for the library's Certificate of Deposit (CD) to be rolled over for another six months. The motion was seconded by Phyllis, and it passed.

### **-Space**

Dena would like the library board to begin seeking space elsewhere, as we have run out of room for new books, and the library is too small to host most of its programming.

## Adjourn

At 6:28pm Dave motioned to adjourn the meeting. Lyle seconded, and the motion passed.

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

#### Statistics for May 25 - June 22, 2023:

- Library Visits

	Attendance	Last month
Adult Visits	98	82
Children Visits	11	12
<b>Total Visits:</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>94</b>

- Materials Circulation

	Books	Children's and YA
LibraryWorld	115	32
LW Renewals	37	
ILL	12	
Audio/Ebooks (GMLC/OverDrive)	58	
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>222</b>	
<b>Tot Circ last month</b>	<b>144</b>	

Overdrive Via Libby Usage Stats (last 30 days)	This Month	Last Month
<b>Total Checkouts</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>
<b>Distinct Users</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>

<b>Ebooks</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>AudioBooks</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>33</b>

**Programs**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Programs</u></b>	<b><u>Participation</u></b>
All month	StoryWalk	16
5/27	Knitting Club	4
5/27	Cinema Beneath the Stars: Holes	21

**Narrative**

• **Programs**

- The book club will be meeting again June 28. The book is *Midwives* by Chris Bohjalian.
- I have booked performer Ed Popielarczyk for a program in conjunction with the Summer Reading Program for Thursday July 6. The program will be held outside on the Dummerston Town Common in the middle of town.
- 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 the summer reading program.
- Ginger beer presentation will happen at the DCC on Sunday, June 25, 2:00pm. Cost to the library is \$40.

Submitted respectfully,  
Dena Marger 6/21/23