

Lydia Taft Pratt Library  
Board of Trustees  
December 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Lyle Holiday, Chairperson at 5:00 pm. With Jeanne Bristol, Linda Burns, Phyllis Emery and Lyle Holiday in attendance. Dave Schottland was absent.

Preparation for the December 11 Select Board meeting was added to the Agenda.

Visitors were Julie Johnson McGrath, Beth Shulman and Sam Bledsoe.

A motion was made by Linda to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Seconded by Jeanne and the motion passed.

The budget report was presented and discussed. There has been good response (donations) to the annual appeal.

The warrant was moved for approval by Linda, was seconded by Jeanne and approved.

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

Old Business:

The Dummerston Community Center board meeting was attended by Linda and Dave.

Budget report: work continues.

Annual Appeal Update: There has been good response with money coming in. These deposits must be made before December 31, 2024. Thank you notes to be sent by January 30, 2025.

Grant Update: The grant update will be signed and be sent to the Grantees tomorrow.

New Business: Preparation for the Select Board Meeting scheduled for December 11 at the town office with the Lydia Taft Pratt Library and the Dummerston Community Center.

The next Library Trustees meeting will be held on January 2, 2025 at 5:00pm.

With no further business Jeanne moved to adjourn and seconded by Lynda.

Acting Secretary, Phyllis Emery



**LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY  
LIBRARIAN'S REPORT  
Report to the Dec 5, 2024 Trustees Meeting**

**Statistics for Nov 6 - Dec 5, 2024:**

● **Library Visits**

	<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Last month</b>
<b>Adult Visits</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>125</b>
<b>Children Visits</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>
<b>Total Visits:</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>159</b>

● **Materials Circulation**

	<b>Books</b>	<b>Children's and YA</b>
LibraryWorld	110	46
LW Renewals	49	
ILL borrowed	11	
ILL Lent	14	
Audio/Ebooks (GMLC/OverDrive)	111	
<b>Total Circulation</b>	<b>295</b>	
<b>Tot Circ last month</b>	<b>321</b>	

<b>Overdrive Via Libby Usage Stats</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Last Month</b>
<b>Total Checkouts</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>109</b>

Distinct Users		18
Ebooks	32	41
AudioBooks	69	68

**Programs**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Program</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance</u></b>
11/12	Cookbook Club	6
11/7	Picturebook Storytime	3 adults 4 kids
11/14	Picturebook Storytime	6 adults 6 kids
11/21	Picturebook Storytime	4 adults 5 kids
11/25	Book Club	Cancelled

**Narrative**

- We were awarded a Vermont Early Childhood Fund Opportunity Grant for \$54,700. We are in the process of trying to find a location to host a pilot Early Childhood Literacy and Library program for families and children ages 0-8 in Dummerston.
- Cookbook club will meet again on Tuesday, December 10. We will be cooking from the book *Salt Fat Acid Heat* by Samin Nosrat
- Book Club is taking a break in December and will resume on January 27. Book TBD.
- Story Time mostly continues to happen weekly, thanks to a group of volunteers.

Submitted respectfully,  
Dena Marger 12/5/24