

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 5:00pm. Attending the meeting were Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Stacy Bryck, Stacy Kripp, and Dave Schottland.

Visitors: None

**II. Additions to the Agenda**

None

**III. Recognition of Visitors**

None

**IV. Approval of Previous Minutes**

A motion was made by Linda to approve last meeting's minutes, which was seconded by Dave, and the motion passed.

**V. Treasurer's Report**

**a. Budget Report**

- The budget was discussed.
- There is currently \$15,683 in the library's account.
- The library needs an invoice from the Dummerston Community Center for May rental of the second half-room.
- There will be a second meeting in June to approve end-of-fiscal-year warrants.

**b. Warrant Approval**

- Dave made a motion to approve the warrant, which was seconded by Lyle, and the motion passed.
- Payment to Nicoal Price will not come out of the Building Bright Futures grant money, as Nicoal has worked on other aspects of the website not related to the children's program.

**VI. Librarian's Report**

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

**VII. Children's Library Report**

**Children's Room Report April 2025:**

47 children & 62 adults

109 total

Library staff attended summer reading conference at Rockingham library Applied to MagiKids to start Magic the Gathering Program for tweens (will be run by a volunteer who is a local community member, his teacher and library supporter)

Summer camp crafts! Summer Reading theme is Color Your World

SRP: Kickoff event. June 21st Bounce house? Need Permission from DCC End event: TBD possibly a Storyteller?

Ran extra school vacation programs in April: Board Game Night & Recycled Arts & Crafts **Still**

**working on:** 1,000 books before Kindergarten, New Baby Letters

**Things to do in May:** Possible Movie Night

Connect with Dummerston School

Purchase technology yoto/tonies box

New books/another book case for board books

**Other to do items:** Promotion of programs, social media

## VIII. Old Business

### a. Dummerston Community Center Board Report

No report was given.

### b. Statistics Update

- Stacy Bryck will speak with Dena about creating a visual representation of library statistics.

## IX. New Business

### a. Dummerston Cares Update

Stacy Bryck gave a report about her visit to the Dummerston Cares afternoon tea, held on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. The library aims to attend more of these tea events and to work with Dummerston Cares to help connect library resources to people who are homebound or unable to get to the library.

### b. Schedule Visioning Session

Lyle would like to schedule a meeting with the Select Board at some point to address ideas about the library's future in a proactive way.

### c. Goal Setting for the Next Six Months

Goals for the library (both for the children's program, as well as the adult program) were discussed.

## Executive Session

No executive session took place.

## X. Adjournment

At 5:39pm, Dave made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Lyle, and the meeting concluded.

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### LYDIA TAFT PRATT LIBRARY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

#### Report to the May 1 , 2025 Trustees Meeting

#### Statistics for April 4 - April 30 , 2025:

##### ● Library Visits

	This month	Last month
Adult Visits	132	98
Children Visits	42	44
Website visits	77	113
# of people using library wifi on site	Library Wifi is <b>available 24/7</b> so there's no way to say how many people are using it each month.	?
Total Visits:	174+	

##### ● Materials Circulation

LibraryWorld	114
LW Renewals	82
ILL borrowed	20
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Audio/Ebooks (GMLC/OverDrive)	152
Total Circulation this month	<b>353</b>

Tot Circ last month	364
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Overdrive Via Libby Usage Stats	This Month	Last Month
Total Checkouts	152	121
Distinct Users	26	27
Ebooks	38	42
AudioBooks	114	79

#### Programs

Date	Program	Attendance
4/7	Sensory Playtime	5
4/8	Cook Book Club	9
4/10	Picture Book Storytime	10
4/12	Building Saturday	3
4/14	Sensory Playtime	10
4/17	Picture Book Storytime	7
4/21	Sensory Playtime	5
4/24	Picture Book Storytime	9
4/26	Book Club: <i>Wish You Well</i>	6
4/28	Sensory Playtime	5
4/29	Coffee Chat	1
Total Program Attendance this month		70

#### Narrative

1. The next **bookclub** will happen on Saturday, May 31. We will be reading *The Light Pirate* by Lily Brooks-Dalton, this year's Vermont Humanities Vermont Reads Selection.
2. Next **Cookbook club** will happen on May 13. Theme is "Spring Vegetables"
3. Our **Children's Services Program** continues to deliver two weekly programs, for different aged children: Sensory Playtime and Picture Book Storytime. Library staff are busy putting together plans for the summer reading opening event (which will hopefully involve a bounce house!), obtaining kids audio players and are looking to start a kid's Magic the Gathering program soon. In the coming months we will be looking to do in-person community outreach to notably to the Dummerston School in May.
4. Our **Adult Services Program** continues to offer two regularly occurring monthly programs, in addition to the traditional library service that we provide to adults. In addition, we began the Coffee Chat program for adults in April. Planning and organizing is happening in order to resume service to attendees of the Bimonthly Evening Star Grange Senior Luncheon (which is both a program for seniors attending the lunch as well as for the volunteers participating in this project) likely after the **software migration** has occurred, and **new technology has been purchased**.
5. We have continued building the **children's space**, and will be looking to squeeze a circulation desk set-up/staff area into one of the corners of the room. This will involve purchasing more furniture for the room. We will also be looking to add another shelf for more board books.
6. **BBF Grant:** We have received our third reimbursement from the BBF Early Childhood Development Fund for \$1179.88. We have not been spending money quickly enough, but will be focusing this month on technology purchases in addition to some more furniture and materials purchases. This will take the bulk of our time in May and June and we will not have time to start any other new projects or programs.
7. The **Geranium Fest, Book Sale and Silent Auction**, organized by Lydia's Friends, will happen on Saturday, May 17th from 10 to 1pm. This year's Silent Auction will happen online.

Submitted respectfully,  
Dena Marger 4/30/25

