

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
June 5th, 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 Kripp, Dena Marger, and Dave Schottland.

Visitors: Sam Bledsoe (of Lydia's Friends)

II. Additions to the Agenda

Meeting with Dummerston Community Center on June 5th

III. Recognition of Visitors

Sam was welcomed.

IV. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

V. Treasurer's Report

a. Budget Report

- The budget was briefly discussed.

b. Warrant Approval

- Lyle made a motion to approve the warrant, which was seconded by Linda, and the motion passed.

VI. Librarian's Report

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

VII. Children's Library Report

- There will be a kickoff event for the Summer Reading Program, which will include Trevor the Games Man, a bounce house, snow cone machine, and a face painter. Expenses for this are listed on this month's warrant and will be reimbursable from the Building Bright Futures grant.
- Girls On the Run will be providing make-and-take bags for younger library patrons. This will also include a story time.

VIII. Old Business

a. Statistics Update

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b. Website Update – Can we roll everything into one person?

Dena will check the current contract the library has with its web host to see if it's possible for one person (Nicoal Price) to maintain it. Dena will also ask Nicoal if she is interested in this work.

c. Meeting with Community Center

Yesterday's meeting went very well. Members of Lydia's Friends reported on the Geranium Festival, and the two boards discussed ways of working together. It was also requested at this meeting that the library be given the second half of the children's room, beginning in September. This will be discussed during renegotiation of the lease.

d. Geranium Festival Report-out

- The GF brought in \$3,800.
- Lydia's Friends were happy with the switch to a digital silent auction.

IX. New Business

a. Phone Service

- The library currently pays \$100 per month for its landline.
- Dave will look into getting a better price.

b. Policies

- Dena would like to revisit the library's policies, as some things (e.g. laws, confidentiality) have shifted.
- Dena would like to discuss holiday policies, as the library is currently open on holidays.
- Juneteenth is coming up, and many other libraries are closed.
- LTP Library will be open on Juneteenth, and there will be a related story time associated with the holiday.
- Next month's agenda will include discussion of holiday policies.
- Dena will send out our current policies.
- Lyle would like to discuss confidentiality policies soon.

c. Schedule Visioning Session

This was covered yesterday at the meeting with the DDC board.

d. Goal Setting for the Next Six Months

- Stacey expressed that she and Dena are progressing towards their goals very well.
- Dena expressed that 28 hours (soon to be 32 hours) is not enough time to accomplish all of their goals.
- Linda suggested categorizing and prioritizing their goals.
- At some point Dena will revisit where some goals can be cut back a bit.

- To give Dena some more time at the start of each month, Dave suggested meeting on the second Thursday of each month (versus the first Thursday, as is the current schedule). The library's next meeting will be on Thursday, July 10th.

e. 2nd June Meeting Date

Unnecessary, so this will not take place.

f. July Meeting – Can we skip July?

Skipping a July meeting was briefly discussed, but instead we will be meeting the second Thursday in July, largely as a test to see if it helps alleviate some stress/work for Dena.

g. Setting Up a New Lease with the DCC

It was discussed that it would be ideal to have one lease for both library rooms. Lyle will reach out to Randy about extending the currently lease on the half-room for September through December, and ideally the library would have one lease for both from January on.

Executive Session

No executive session took place.

X. Adjournment

At 6:15pm, Dave made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Lyle, and the meeting concluded.

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

Report to the May 1 , 2025 Trustees Meeting

Statistics for May 1- June 5 , 2025:

• **Library Visits**

	This month	Last month
Adult Visits	188	132
Children Visits	46	42
Website visits	81	77
# of people using library	Library Wifi is available 24/7 so there's no way to say how many people are using it	?

wifi on site	each month.	
Total Visits:	315+	174+

- **Materials Circulation**

LibraryWorld	156
LW Renewals	37
ILL borrowed	19
ILL Lent	7
Audio/Ebooks (GMLC/OverDrive)	192
Total Circulation this month	411
Tot Circ last month	353

Overdrive Via Libby Usage Stats	This Month	Last Month
Total Checkouts	192	152
Distinct Users	28	26
Ebooks	46	38
AudioBooks	146	114

Programs

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thursday, May 1	Picture Book Story Time	10
Monday, May 5	Sensory Play Time	5
Tuesday, May 6	Coffee Chat	2
Thursday, May 8	Picture Book Story Time	4

Saturday, May 10	Building Saturday	5
Monday, May 12	Sensory Play Time	5
Tuesday, May 13	Coffee Chat	6
Thursday, May 15	Picture Book Story Time	5
Friday, May 16	Ecological Speakers Series: Tina Ellor	14
Monday, May 19	Sensory Play Time	9
Tuesday, May 20	Coffee Chat	4
Thursday, May 29	Picture Book Storytime	6
Friday, May 30	Outreach event: Girls on the Run	18
Saturday, May 31	Book Club: The Light Pirate	5
Saturday, May 17	Visited the Booksale	59
	Visited the Geranium Sale	170
Total Program Attendance this month		327

Narrative

1. The next **bookclub** will happen on Saturday, June 28. We will be reading *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead.
2. Next **Cookbook club** will happen on June 10. Theme is “Caribbean Cooking”
3. Our **Children’s Services Program** is putting together a slate of weekly activities as part of the Summer Reading Program on the theme of Color Our World. We are also putting together a number of special events, including an SRP Carnival Kick-Off event, as well as various invited performers.
4. Our **Adult Services Program** continues to offer two regularly occurring monthly programs, and one weekly Coffee Chat program, in addition to the traditional library service that we provide to adults. We will be working together with Lydia’s Friends to bring about additional programming for adults as well as fundraising events.
5. The **Geranium Fest, Book Sale and Silent Auction**, went spectacularly well, and brought in over \$3000.

6. Dummerston's Girls on The Run for chose Lydia Taft Pratt Library for their community impact project.

They donated 15 Make & Take Craft bags. Dena and Stacey visited the group to thank them for choosing us and for making the craft bags, which will be incorporated into our Storytime program.

7. In the coming months we will be helping the DCC organize fundraiser events and are helping to establish a playground committee to revitalize the playground.

Submitted respectfully,
Dena Marger 6/5/25