

Lydia Taft Pratt Library

Board of Trustees

November 13, 2025

5:00 at the Library

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 5:00pm. Attending the meeting were Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Dena Marger, and Stacy Bryck.

II. Additions to the Agenda – no additions

III. Recognition of Visitors – no visitors

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. Linda made a motion to approve the minutes from the more additional meeting on 11/6, which was seconded by Lyle, and the motion passed.

V. Treasurers Reports

a. Budget Report – Linda shared the updated proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. Options for the phone bill were discussed, and Stacy agreed to look into possible cellphone plans for the library to replace the copper landline.

b. Warrant Approval – A warrant was approved at the 11/6 meeting, so no additional warrant was signed at this meeting.

VI. Librarians' Report – Report is attached to this document.

VII. Old Business

a. Select Board Meeting – 6:00 Wednesday 11/19 will be the library budget presentation. The business plan draft will be sent to selectboard ahead of time by Linda.

b. Policies – will update soon

c. Transition plans – one page presentation will be developed 12/4 meeting 5:30

d. Annual Appeal – will be finalized by Monday, 2 sided black & white

a. Thank you Letters – Lyle plans to handwrite thank yous for estate donations

VIII. New Business

a. Town Report Narrative – should include data, Dena plans to start a draft

b. Executive Session - No executive session was needed.

IX. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:20pm. Next trustees meeting will be 12/11.

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

Report to the November 13 , 2025 Trustees Meeting

Statistics for Aug. Sep Oct , 2025:

- **Library Visits**

	Aug	Sep	Oct
Adult Visits	165	150	226
Children Visits	77	48	125
Total Visits	242	198	351

- **Materials Circulation**

	Aug	Sep	Oct
	111	112	114

Programs

<u>Program</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Sensory Play	23	32
Picture Book Storytime	9	7
Cookbook Club	6	5
Magic: the Gathering Play and learn Club	20	27
Coffee Chat	12	
Book Club	4	5
Shadowdark	6	8
Bluey Program		18
Jim Howe Event		14

Halloween Party		126
Total program attendance	80	242

Narrative:

- This month we were finally able to move the middle grades/chapter books out of the adult library and into the children's room. That room is finally feeling close to finished, and is finally looking like a library. We are continuing to purchase early literacy books and materials for that program, and expect to receive a significant shipment later this month of early readers, decodable readers, and graphic novels.
- We did outreach to the Dummerston School and met with the librarian there. We have plans to begin meeting in December with classes at the school, to make them more aware of our services and resources.
- We also attended the Dummerston Cares Senior Luncheon earlier this month and will be there on the 19th for what is their biggest event of the year: the pre-Thanksgiving meal.
- We hosted a hugely successful Halloween event that featured an eerily decorated candy room, a frightening DJ playing all the Halloween classics, and a bouncy house. About 126 adults and children attended.