

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 11:02am. Attending the meeting were Dena Marger, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Stacy Bryck, Stacey Kripp (arrived late, as she was attending to library patrons), Dave Schottland, and Marvin Luna.

**Additions to Agenda**

None

**Recognition of Visitors**

No visitors

**Executive Session**

- At 11:02 Dave made a motion to enter executive session.
- At 11:04 the board exited executive session.
- Lyle made a motion to terminate Dena Marger's employment with the Lydia Taft Pratt Library, and each board member voted in agreement.
- Dena was given a letter of termination, in which she was also given the option to resign by January 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be her last day of employment.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

a. Budget Report

The library owes the DCC rent for the main room for January, but an invoice has not been received.

b. Warrant Approval

- Rent for the first half of 2026 will be posted on February's warrant.
- The town is waiting for insurance quotes from VLCT, at which time an invoice will be sent to the library.
- Dave made a motion to approve the most recent warrant, which was seconded by Lyle, and the motion passed.
- The library board will be holding a brief meeting on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> to approve a second warrant for the month.

**Librarian's Report**

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

## **Old Business**

- a. Annual Appeal Thank You's  
Dave will be gathering materials for the letters, and they will be completed and sent out by the trustees.
- b. Town Report
  - Lyle will be contacting Ruth Hoffman about a possible extension for the library report.
  - Stacey Kripp will be writing a short piece for the next edition of The Views of Dummerston.
- c. Building Committee Report
  - Marvin has been scouting some volunteers to take care of regular tasks related to the building. He has also been in discussion with Catherine O'Callaghan of Lydia's Friends.
  - Septic will be one of the larger longterm projects.
  - For now Marvin has taken on the role of shoveling snow from the steps as necessary.

## **New Business**

- a. Report from December 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting
  - The current working name for now for the new organization is *Dummerston Community Center and Library*.
  - Official decisions about the building and organization can be made at Town Meeting in March.
  - Some community members are concerned that a board of library trustees will only have an interest in library matters, and not the building as a whole.

The next library board meeting will be on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. After that, library board meetings will move to the second Wednesday of each month at 11:00am.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55.

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

**Report to the January 5 , 2025 Trustees Meeting Statistics for Nov 14-Dec 30:**

Library Visits	Nov 14-Dec 30:
Adult Visits	228
Children Visits	63
Total Visits	291

- Materials Circulation: 185

Programs	Nov 14-Dec 30:
Sensory Play	26
Picture Book Storytime	4
Cookbook Club	7
Magic: the Gathering Play and learn Club	20
Book Club	10
RPG	2
Vermont Museum of Natural Science visit (11/15)	32
Special Movie	5
NYE Party	42
<b>Total program attendance</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>Total Checkouts</b>	<b>239</b>
eBooks	63
Audiobooks	176
Users	32

Narrative:

- We have begun doing class visits with the Dummerston School and have so far met with the third and fourth grade classes.
- We also attended the Dummerston Cares Senior Luncheon event prior to the Christmas holiday.
- Our Noon Years Eve event, put together by our children's staff and her volunteer husband was a huge success. 42 people attended, heard stories, did a fireworks craft, did a library scavenger hunt, and toasted a balloon drop with ginger ale! This will likely become an annual event for our library.
- Grants update:
  - We received notification that we will receive the Department of

Library's Courier grant for \$684, likely soon, in January or February

- ○ The application for the Summer Programming Grant opens on January 5. This grant is for \$350 and will pay for a program or performer as part of our Summer Reading Program activities. We will likely receive this money in April.
- ○ We should receive our final reimbursement from the Vermont Early Childhood Fund around the third week in January.
- ○ The Public Facilities Preservation Initiative grant application, focused specifically on small and rural library buildings, is due March 31.