

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 13th, 2026**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lyle Holiday at 11:00am. Attending the meeting were Stacey Kripp, Erin Riley, Stacy Bryck, Linda DeCarlo-Burns, Kate Jansak, and Dave Schottland.

Guests: John Ment, community member and volunteer

Additions to Agenda

- No additions

Recognition of Visitors

John Ment was introduced and welcomed.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Linda made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from March which was seconded by Lyle, and the motion passed. However, a slight change was made to the previous minutes, which was in regards to the spelling of John Ment's name.

Treasurer's Report

- a. Budget Report
 - The budget was briefly discussed.
 - Building expenses will appear on the Select Board warrant, and library expenses will be on the library warrant.
- b. Warrant Approval

Stacy made a motion to approve this month's warrant, which was seconded by Lyle, and the motion passed.

Librarian's Report

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

- Total visits to the library in April: 262
- Tag sale brought in 75 attendees
- The Dummerston Community Center and Library "was selected by the MESH (Mental, Emotional, and Social Health) Helps initiative to receive free play kits for Mental Health Awareness Month, including games, puzzles, and activities designed to help kids aged 3-12 build confidence, connection, and resilience. We're excited to have games available for future events and for use in the library, and we are planning an event for May 21st."

Old Business

- a. April Fundraiser Report-Out
 - 75 attendees

- b. New Sign Update
 - Tier Signs has quoted \$1800 to replace the DCCL sign.
 - The post itself is in good shape.
- c. Landline Update

Kate will look more deeply into the matter.
- d. Shelf Sanding In Children's Room

Catherine O'Callaghan may know someone who can do the shelf sanding in the Children's Room, and that person will be in touch with Stacey.

New Business

- a. Policy – Collection Development – Second Reading

The policy was further discussed, and it will be adopted at the next meeting.
- b. Policy – Artwork Display – First Reading

The policy was discussed, and the second reading will be at the next meeting.
- c. Tech Plan
 - Community member John Ment shared ideas about technology for the library.
 - There is a USAC grant (which comes from the taxes we pay on phone and internet bills) to subsidize the costs of technology for libraries.
 - John suggested creating a technology assessment of what the community wants and needs.
 - John suggested creating an updated cybersecurity plan.
 - Stacy suggested to John that he might host a tech hour every month or so to address tech needs and questions of community members. John said he would discuss this further with Stacey.
- d. New Vacuum
 - Melody Stone, who cleans in the building, has requested a new vacuum.
 - The librarian will purchase a new vacuum, not to exceed \$200.
- e. Cleaning Contract

A contract for Melody was presented and discussed. Melody will need to sign the contract.
- f. Playground
 - A number of steps are needed, including a site plan, insurance, a planning committee, etc.
 - The building committee will need to compose a plan, if a playground is to be built.

g. Keys to the Building

- An inventory of who has keys and where keys may be is needed. Catherine O’Callaghan may have a list.
- Who should have keys? Staff and trustees, the scheduling person, town office, Melody.
- The SB will be contacted about potentially changing the locks.

h. Fire Extinguishers

The fire inspector is visiting in July and will address whether updates are needed.

For the Next Agenda

Review Bylaws – the name of the organization will need to change within the bylaws; length of terms will be changed

Dates

Next DCCL Meeting: Wednesday, June 17th at 10:00am (for this month it will be on the third Wednesday and an hour earlier than usual)

At 1:10 Dave made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting concluded.

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Statistics for April 1-April 30

Library Visits	
Adult Visits	199
Children Visits	63
Total Visits	262

Library Programs	
Meet Your New Library Director (Wed, Thur, Fri)	22
Sensory Playtime (April 6, 13, 20, 27)	34

Magic: The Gathering Play & Learn Club (April 21 and 28)	4
Stitch Group Interest Meeting	1
Building Saturday	4
Cookbook Club	4
Pajama Storytime for National Library Week	15
Total program attendance	84

Non-Library Programs	
Volunteer Spring Cleaning	6

Friends Meeting	4
Tag Sale	75
Cemetery Committee Event	17
Conservation Event	30
Total Non-Library program attendance	132

Reference Questions	69
New Library Cards	3
Computer Use	4

Total Checkouts (overdrive/libby)	160
eBooks	32
Audiobooks	128
Users	30

Physical Materials Circulation	135
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2. Our Pajama Storytime for National Library Week drew a great crowd (7 kids, 8 adults) out on the playground. The book, “I’m So Happy You’re Here: A Celebration of Library Joy” by this year’s honorary chair Mychal Threets, was won by Stacey in an online raffle!
3. Erin went to a mandatory cataloging meeting with the Catamount Library Network on April 28th to stay informed about cataloging standards in our library system.
4. Catherine helped organize some high school volunteers to help clean out the storage room and other areas of the library. They should be helping with future projects as well if anyone has any ideas.
5. Stacey is working on the CLiF rural libraries grant which provides funding for children’s books and other supplies for libraries with budgets under \$125,000 plus provides funding to the local school for books as well. The grant application asks for letters of support from community members as well as the school librarian and principal.
6. SRP Stacey and Erin are planning a kickoff event on June 18th, however we are waiting to hear about the SRP Grant we applied for that would provide \$350 to finalize details. This year’s SRP theme is Unearth a Story.
7. The library will be closed the following dates:
Saturday, May 23 and **Monday, May 25** for Memorial Day
8. The library will be closing early on the following dates:
Wednesday, May 27 at 2:30 (instead of 3)
Monday, June 1 at 2:30 (instead of 3)
Tuesday, June 2 at 5pm (instead of 7)
Wednesday, June 3 at 2:30 (instead of 3)

Monday, June 8 at 2:30 (instead of 3)

Wednesday, June 10 at 2:30 (instead of 3)