

**Lydia Taft Pratt Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
October 14th, 2026**

Call to Order

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

Guests: None

Additions to Agenda

- Town report writeup
- Brochures
- Plastic playground equipment
- Senior lunches
- Budget season

Approval of Previous Minutes

Dave made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from September, which was seconded by Kate, and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

a. Budget Report

The budget was briefly discussed.

b. Warrant Approval

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

Librarian's Report

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

There were 309 total visitors at the library last month.

Old Business

a. Tech Plan

Erin spoke with the person who initially set up the hotspot. There is an option that could boost the internet signal inside and outside. This would be the same cost as paying for licensure. More information will be sent.

b. Annual Appeal Letter

- There was more discussion of using a brochure format for this year's annual appeal letter.

- Erin will work on the letter and reformatting as a brochure.
- It was suggested that a photo or two of the children's room be included, as well as a rendering or two of the potential playground to be built.
- The board plans to approve a letter at the next meeting.

c. Preservation Trust Grant

- Kate spoke about this grant, which is given to historical landmark buildings.
- The trust would like to know about types of glass, wood, finish, etc.
- Kate will need help with a trust application like this, so she may reach out to the Building Committee.
- Linda will also send a link related to other grants.
- It was suggested that the DCC&L board reach out to Efficiency Vermont for an energy audit. *Note: since this meeting took place, an Energy Audit that was conducted in 2024 was supplied by Doug Morton and passed on to the Select Board.*

d. Window Update

This was discussed as part of the Preservation Trust Grant. Ideally at some point the board would like to find a grants or means of replacing the windows in the library.

e. Painting Adult Library Room

- An estimate of \$2600 was given by one painter, and he comes highly recommended.
- Stacy suggested that it would be ideal for the floors to be worked on around the same time, as the book shelves and other furniture will need to be moved for both projects.
- Lyle will contact Lawton Floor Design for an estimate. Dave also knows a contractor who might be able to do the work.

f. Playground

Kate is still working with Catherine O'Callaghan on this project.

g. Term Reduction Request

Lyle made a motion for the following article to be submitted to the Select Board. This article would then be voted on at the next Town Meeting:

Shall the voters authorize the change of the term limits of the Dummerston Community Center and Library Trustees from five-year terms to three-year terms, becoming effective as each current trustee term comes up for renewal.

Stacy seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

h. Committee Report-Outs

Dave shared that the Events Committee has asked the DCC&L board to purchase a popcorn maker. Stacy informed the board that her work allowed her to take its popcorn that was no longer needed or used, so she is donating it to the DCC&L.

New Business

a. Popcorn Maker

See above.

b. Salt, Sand, and Shoveling

- There is currently some salt outside that can be used in the winter.
- Linda shared that there is likely a shovel in the storage room.
- The board would like to find someone local who would be willing to shovel the building's steps and ramp when it snows.

c. Town Report

Erin was asked by the board to begin working on a writeup for the Town Report. She would like some guidance on what goes into it. Dave suggested looking at last year's report as a template.

d. Brochures

Dave shared that the Events Committee is interested in having a brochure for information about the Community Center aspect of the DCC&L (history, rentals, etc.). All in attendance approved, and the Events Committee will be welcome to create this brochure.

e. Plastic Playground

Dave shared that the Events Committee is wondering if it's okay to put out some plastic playground equipment (things like a Little Tykes slide). Dave will call Laurie at Town Hall to see if there are any insurance issues with this. *Note: since this meeting, Dave has spoken with Laurie, and she indicated that there is no issue.*

f. Senior Lunches

Dave has been in touch with community member Lou Kern, as well as the Evening Star Grange for the DCC&L to attend some of the senior lunches and check out books. Erin has asked that Lou come in to be trained on how he can check out books to people (given the legal limitations). Dave will communicate this to Lou.

g. Budget Season

Linda pointed out that we are getting into budget season and that Erin will need to begin working on a budget. Erin would like to discuss this further with Linda.

Dates

Next DCCL Meeting: Wednesday, November 4th (the *first* Tuesday of this month next time)

At 12:30 Stacy made a motion to adjourn, and the meeting concluded.

**Dummerston Community Center and Library
Librarian's Report
Reported at the October 14, 2026 Trustees Meeting**

Statistics for September 1st-September 30th

Library Visits	
Adult Visits	197
Children Visits	112
Total Visits	<u>309</u>

Library Programs	
Little House on the Prairie Finale Screening	9/3=5
Magic: The Gathering Learn & Play Club	9/8=5 9/22=4
Library Board Meeting	9/9=8
Building Saturday	9/12=4
Sensory Play	9/14=4 9/21=13 9/28=10
Cookbook Club	9/15=4
Board Game Night for Adults	9/17=1
Reading & Discussion with Dummerston Author Cheryl Wilfong	9/22=19
Emergency Preparedness with Rich Cogliano	9/24=12

Lydia Taft Pratt Book Club	9/26=4
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Scott Farm Storytime	9/18=20
Total program attendance	<u>113</u>

Non-Library Programs	
Private Playgroup	9/27=30
Total Non-Library program attendance	<u>30</u>

Reference Questions	49
New Library Cards	4
Computer Use	0

Total Checkouts (overdrive/libby)	
eBooks	46
Audiobooks	124
Unique Users	31

Total Koha Physical Materials Circulation	
Checkouts issued	126
Renewals	37

1. **Library Closings:** The library will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day. We will also be closed on Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving.
2. **Books on Wheels:** The new Books on Wheels program is up and running with Dummerston Cares and volunteers. This new program will allow residents who have limited mobility, illness, injury, lack of transportation, temporary or permanent disability, or some other reason to get regular home delivery of library materials. Anyone interested in this service can contact the Dummerston Community Center and Library, or Dummerston Cares for more information.
3. **Technology Questionnaire:** There are physical copies of the technology questionnaire at the Town Hall, and we plan to send it out to the school to try to reach more people.
4. **Biblio+ Service:** Biblio+, our new streaming service is up and running! 9 people have signed up for the service so far. We plan to have a Tech Event during a Saturday in November to help people sign up. Biblio+ is a streaming service that partners with libraries to offer patrons unlimited access to 8,000+ titles, including 3,500+ BBC titles and episodes with unlimited simultaneous access. Patrons should make sure they have an active library card to access this service.

Visit <https://dummerstonlibrary.org/biblioplus/> for more details, or go directly to <https://biblioplus.com/register> to sign up!
5. Erin is working on getting the library set up with **The Palace Project**, a free eBook and eAudiobook service, which gives the library access to 38,000 items through the Vermont Online Library. Patrons can use their library card number and library card

pin/password to sign-up for an account through The Palace Project App, as well as online at: <https://catalog.thepalaceproject.org/VT0208>

6. **Lydia Taft Pratt Bookclub:** The Lydia Taft Pratt Bookclub's next meeting is October 17th at 12:30pm to discuss *Sula* by Toni Morrison.
7. **Scott Farm Orchard Storytime:** September 18th was Stacey's second storytime event at Scott Farm Orchard. 20 people attended. October 16th is going to be the final storytime at Scott Farm Orchard.
8. **Winter Reading Series in the Victorian Novel:** October 1st was the first Winter Reading Series in the Victorian Novel event. The second meeting is October 13th at 1:30pm. The book in discussion is *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens. Anyone interested should email KathrynJansak@gmail.com or contact the library. The library has copies available for checkout.
9. The events committee has been working to organize the **Halloween Rest-Stop** event on October 31st from 5pm-7pm. The plan is to have decorations, cider, donuts, popcorn, fruit, and some music as a way for the community to stop along their trick-or-treating route. The library will also host a **Halloween Treat Drive** as a drop-off location for candy donations in the weeks leading up to Halloween, to be passed out to the surrounding residents in Dummerston who get high-traffic trick-or-treaters on the night of Halloween.