

Wadleigh Memorial Library Trustees Meeting
March 15, 2011

Present: *No one can get an education, for of necessity education is a continuing process.*

Tim Barr, Mary Burdett, Chris Costantino, Edith March, Kim Paul, Kristie Popp, Sarah Sandhage, Mike Tule. Director, Michelle Sampson. Tim Finan, BOS Rep. Rebecca Burcher, owner of 29 Nashua Street

Minutes: *Nobody got anywhere in the world by simply being content*
February meeting minutes were approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report: *Too often I would hear men boast of the miles covered that day, rarely of what they had seen*
Reviewed and Accepted

- Adjustments will need to be made as the town budget wasn't approved at town meeting, requiring the library to default to the 2010 budget.
- Salaries are frozen

Library Status: *Knowledge is like money: to be of value it must circulate, and in circulating it can increase in quantity and, hopefully, in value.*

Stats: Circulation

Circ through FEB	2010	2011	% Change
General Circ	41,575	40,420	2.8% decrease
Downloadable audio & ebooks	346	614	77.5% increase
Total Circ	41,921	41,034	2% decrease

Stats: People Counter

People Counter	2010	2011	% Change
Through FEB	31,053	29,236	5.9% decrease*

*New/main entry people counter still appears to be off by at least 25%

Stats: Public PCs

Through FEB	2010	2011	% Change
Wireless	n/a*	373	
Public PCs	3924	3140*	20% decrease
Total through FEB	3924	3513	10.5% decrease

*Wireless stats not gathered until July 2010

*1pc in teen area down last 3 weeks

Personnel *Victory is won not in miles but in inches. Win a little now, hold your ground, and later, win a little more.*

Michelle will be going over performance appraisals with staff once they are returned from Town Hall

Facilities/Collections *A wise man fights to win, but he is twice a fool who has no plan for possible defeat*

Exterior light over Nashua Street entrance sign installed.

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- Fire panel replaced (Simplex panel had gone through 3 motherboards and this was the last piece of switching our system completely over to American Security & Fire.)
- “New” conference table & chairs for NH Room.

Systems*Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.*

One of the pcs in the Teen area was down 3 weeks; 1 in Ref was down a day or two; 1 in Ref remains

Programs: *The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go*

- **Children's:** Regularly scheduled storytimes for all ages; Baby lapsits (Weds); Paws to Read (Apr 9).
- **YA:** Teen Cooking-Cake Pops (Mar 16); Pizza & Pages Book Club reads *Shadow Thieves* by Ursu (Mar 17); Chicks with Sticks Book Club reads *Accidents of Nature* by Johnson (Apr 2); Animanga Club (Apr 12); Teen gaming (Apr 13).
- **Adult:** AARP Tax Assistance begins Feb 1 (Tues AM an Thurs afternoons through April); Acoustic Café featuring Triple Spiral (Mar 19); Evening Book Group reads *My Antonia* (Mar 22); Gardening for Small Spaces—3 part series on 4th Tue (Mar 22); Short Course on Islam for non-Muslims (Mar 29); Morning Book Group to read *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo (Apr 14); Mondays: pc basics, rotating topics.

Other *I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living, It's a way of looking at life through the wrong end of a telescope. Which is what I do, And that enables you to laugh at life's realities*

- E-books controversy – discussion about the proposed changes that some publishers are making. The library world is considering their options; but boycotting has started. Harper Collins, in particular, is proposing to limit the license of an ebook to 26 borrowings. After which time, a replacement ebook will need to be purchased.
- Friends of the Library Raffle – nice basket of goodies donated by JM Princewell which will be awarded on Patron Appreciation Day on April 14th
- Michelle will not be at May trustee meeting.

91 Nashua:*Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.*

Top floor tenant has relocated; bottom floor tenant still there but is viewing an apartment today. March 20 is deadline to be out.

29 Nashua Street: *If you can see things out of whack, then you can see how things can be in whack.*

Non-public session at 8:30 on motion and seconded by Mary and Sarah.

Renovation/Expansion Planning:*Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple*

- Sarah suggested a rearrangement of non-fiction, reference and NH room with the proposed teen area which was discussed.
- Mary sent an email to Richard Smith with the suggestions from the trustees reflecting the past few months of work sessions. He responded with a request for more specific information about the number of desired small study rooms and computer seating

Officers*You can get help from teachers, but you are going to have to learn a lot by yourself, sitting alone in a room*

Chair – Mary Burdett will continue another year as Chair. THANK YOU, Mary

Treasurer – Kim Paul will serve as treasurer

Secretary – Chris Costantino and Sarah Sandhage will share this position

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Non-Public Session: *We are all a little weird and life's a little weird, and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love.*

On a motion by Mary, seconded by Sarah (unanimous vote) the trustees moved into non-public session at 8:27. A unanimous vote, on a motion by Chris, seconded by Sarah, minutes of the non-public session were sealed; and the non-public session was closed.

NHLTA Annual Conference *Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind*

Trustees interested in attending need to get their work shop selections to Michelle by Wednesday, March 23. Sarah, Tim, Mary, and Chris are planning to attend. Edith will let Michelle know.

Non-Resident Card Fee *You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams*

Discussion about increasing the fee for non-resident cards. Non-residents are paying less for a library card than Milford residents are paying in taxes in support of the library. It was decided to raise the cost from \$40 to \$50 per year. The fee will be reconsidered next year, as the amount that the average Milford resident pays is either \$54.61 or \$83.78 (if salaries and benefits are factored into the taxed amount); still more than the non-resident patron pays.

Long Range Plan *Shorth is better than length*

Tabled until next meeting – Michelle will solicit input from the staff

Meeting Adjourned: *So the writer who breeds more words than he needs, is making a chore for the reader who reads* Meeting closed at 9:10

Kim will bring pizza to the next meeting

Next meeting is April 19, 2011. Food at 6:30, meeting at 7:00

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