

Wadleigh Memorial Library Trustees Meeting  
November 16, 2010  
7:00

**Present:** Tim Barr, Mary Burdett, Chris Costantino, Edith March, Kim Paul, Kristie Popp, Sarah Sandhage, Mike Tule. Director, Michelle Sampson. Tim Finan, BOS Rep

**Minutes** *'Classic.'* A book which people praise and don't read. October meeting were approved on a motion by Sarah, seconded by Mary, all in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** *Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone, you may still exist, but you have ceased to live.* Reviewed and accepted.

**Director's Report:** *Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.*

Circulation

<b>Circ through OCT</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
General Circ	208,316	223,077	7.08 % increase
Downloadable audio & ebooks	1630	2044	25.4 % increase
<b>Total Circ</b>	<b>209,946</b>	<b>225,121</b>	<b>7.23 % increase</b>

\*new People Counter

<b>People Counter</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Through OCT</b>	<b>165,352</b>	<b>161,462</b>	<b>2.3% decrease</b>

\*Appears to be off by approx. 25%

Public PCs

<b>Through OCT</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Wireless</b>		<b>969</b>	
<b>Public PCs</b>	<b>23,416</b>	<b>20,930</b>	<b>10.6% decrease</b>
<b>Total through OCT</b>	<b>23,416</b>	<b>21,899</b>	<b>6.48 % decrease</b>

\*Stats begin mid-July

**Personnel** *Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest*

- Staff meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 18 2010.

**Facilities/Collections** *But who prays for Satan? Who, in eighteen centuries, has had the common humanity to pray for the one sinner that needed it most?*

- Joel Trafford completed work on refurbishing the granite sign above Nashua Street ("original entrance") door
- 5 internal surveillance cameras have been installed and are up and running. The IP camera for the exterior/parking lot area is on back order. One additional camera may be needed in the area of the children's room overflow.
- The remainder of the Rothovius collection has been relocated to Tech Services awaiting withdrawal. Back issues of magazines have been relocated to that area (along the back wall of the nonfiction area) in order to make more room for adult fiction.
- Slight increase in number of mice being found in the kitchen and in the ceilings on the main level
- Weeding adult biographies

**Systems** *By trying we can easily endure adversity. Another man's, I mean.*

- IT consultant will be installing imaged pcs and doing other work as needed next week.
- The first trial of offsite library card registration (at SV Expo) went well; registering 4 new cards.
- The GMILCS upgrade to Polaris 4.0 went well. It was completed while the large majority of libraries were closed for Veteran's Day. Please report any quirks as things do happen during upgrades....

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**Programs: upcoming** *Action speaks louder than words but not nearly as often*

- **Children's:** Various holiday storytimes (Mon/Wed/Thur); Drop in Holiday Cardmaking (Nov 20); Music & More (Dec 7); Create a gingerbread house (Dec 11); Make & take holiday crafts (Dec 13-15).
- **YA:** Pizza & Pages Book Club reads When You Reach Me by Stead (Nov 18); Teen Writing Club (Nov 19); Chicks with Sticks Book Club reads Leviathan by Westerfield (Dec 2); Teen Gaming (Dec 8); Teen Craft: Henna Tattoo Picture Frames (Dec 9); Animanga Club (Dec 14).
- **Adult:** Acoustic Café (Nov 20); Evening Book Group reads Dark Tide by Puleo (Nov 23); ongoing computer skills classes.

**91 Nashua** *Facts are stubborn, but statistics are more pliable*

- Status quo.

**Other** *A round man cannot be expected to fit in a square hole right away. He must have time to modify his shape.*

- Teens have figured out where the camera angles and are taking cautionary measures. Michelle will reemphasize to the staff that they need to take names of teens whom they have asked to leave the building so that Michelle can have a record to justify any necessary suspensions. *Familiarity breeds contempt - and children.*
- Michelle will purchase Toadstool Bookshop gift certificates for the staff
- Michelle will be on vacation Friday, December 3 to Monday, December 13.

**Wet West basement room** *I must have a prodigious quantity of mind; it takes me as much as a week sometimes to make it up.*

- Chris will contact Dennis LaBombard to set up a meeting with Joel to get his professional help for this maintenance issue. This should happen quickly so that a warrant article can be submitted if necessary. *(Note: subsequent to the meeting, Chris talked with Joel who feels that we won't need DLaBombard's expertise, so a follow-up email was sent to DLaBombard to retract the request for his help)*

**Steering Committee** *A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way*

- Next steering committee will be November 17 meeting with Patience Jackson to clarify questions about her Space Needs Report numbers.
- Mary has had emails with Brian and Alyssa – also known as Manypenny Murphy Architects- who are working to assemble a team of engineers who have had experience in building libraries. Ben Weinrieb, Civil Engineer, and James Petersen, Mechanical Engineer, and Mike Bruss as construction manager. Mary asked that Brian keep Dennis LaBombard in consideration as the Structural Engineer for the team. Mike Tule knows Mike Bruss through the NH Preservation Alliance and confirms that Mike Bruss would be a good manager. There will be an appointment set up in the near future for the trustees to meet Mike and the other engineers.
- November 23 – Brian Murphy will bring his team of engineers [James Petersen and Ben Weinrieb to take a look at the building with Joel. Trustees will attend if their schedules allow.

**Executive Session** – on a motion by Mike, seconded by Mary (unanimous vote) the trustees moved into executive session at 7:45. The trustees have sealed the minutes of that executive session on a motion by Mike, seconded by Edith (unanimous vote).

**Meeting Adjourned** – 9:00 *Good friends, good books and a sleepy conscience: this is the ideal life.*

Chris will bring pizza to the next meeting

Next meeting is December 21, 2010. Food at 6:30, meeting at 7:00