

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at Wadleigh Memorial Library.**Present.** *"I like stories well told. That is the reason I am sometimes forced to tell them myself."* Twain

Jen Hansen, Co-Chairs; David Rysdam, Judy Gross, Kim Paul, Mike Tule, Sarah Sandhage. Alternate: Chris Costantino. Michelle Sampson, Director. Deb Faucher, Co-Chair; excused. Kathy Bauer, BOS representative.

Minutes: *"My best friend is a person who will give me a book I have not read."* A.Lincoln

The March meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Sarah, seconded by Kim

Treasurer's Report: *Many librarians perform their duties with a profound sense of responsibility: supporting the foundations of democracy by ensuring free access to information.* John Schwartz

- Accepted as presented. Thank you, Kim.
- No gifts to approve

Stats: Circulation

Circ through MAR	2015*	2016	% Change
General Circ	54,062*	48,908	9.5 % decrease
Downloadable audiobooks	1086	1349	24 % increase
Downloadable ebooks	1776	1716	3.4 % decrease
Downloadable magazines	14	183	
Total Circ	58,155	52,156	10.3 % decrease*

*2015 checkout figures have been amended to reflect an inaccuracy detected
 *10.3% decrease over last year, but an 8% increase over the past two months.

Stats: People Counter

People Counter	2015	2016	% Change
Through MAR	30,161	31,607	4.8 % increase

Stats: Public PCs

Through MAR	2015	2016	% Change
Wireless logins	3045	2761	9.3 % decrease
Public PC logins	3481	2848	18 % decrease
Total	6526	5609	14 % decrease

Personnel: *"A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert."* Carnegie

- Staff meeting scheduled April 21, 2016
- New town employee timekeeping system
- Public Library Association conference: excellent event for Michelle.
- Upcoming town training
 - Harassment (mandatory)
 - Active shooter (voluntary)

Facilities: *"My childhood library was small enough not to be intimidating. And yet I felt the whole world was contained in those two rooms. I could walk any aisle and smell wisdom."* U.S. Poet Laureate Rita Dove

- Sewer backup trouble continues. See additional information in Discussion

- Rental properties – updates (squirrels and tenants)
- 2nd floor bathroom remains out of commission indefinitely. Original 1950 plumbing and fixtures - can no longer handle the volume of use; (never meant to be a public restroom).
- Draft list of facility repair/replacement projects. See Discussion below

Systems: *"If we didn't already have libraries, they would now have to be invented. They are the keys to American success in fully exploiting the information superhighways of the future."* JBillington

- Last month we upgraded our Comcast connection (serves the public pcs and wifi) to business class bandwidth. This did not fix our internet problems. Michelle and IT continue to look for sustainable solutions.
- Network updates by IT to help staff be more effective

Other: *"A library's function is to give the public in the quickest and cheapest way information, inspiration, and recreation. If a better way than the book can be found, we should use it."* MDewey

- Friends of the Library to meet Wed., April 20 @ 7PM
- State/Federal Public Library Annual Report Survey completed

Discussions: *"To read is to empower; To empower is to write; To write is to influence; To influence is to change; To change is to live."* JEvershed

1. Facilities Update from Joel Trafford, Facilities Manager.
 - a. Joel was asked to generate a list of projects that need to be done - both what has been postponed and what is anticipated.
 - b. After discussing the list and Joel identifying which projects he thought were most essential, the trustees asked Joel and Michelle to organize the list so that projects are grouped by either location or scope of impact to the library building. Once this is completed, we will look for quotes to get the work done.
 - c. Michelle will ask Tim Herlihy, Building Inspector, to inspect the library with Joel. Is the library safe and healthy for the community with the known hazards of rupturing septic lines and crumbling insulation and floor tiles.
 - d. Most immediate need is to find a solution for the continually backing up sewage line to the street. Sewage is backing into the boiler room on a regular basis. The immediate fix is for Joel to dump 25 gallons of water at least twice a day which is not sustainable. He and Wetherbee Plumbing think the trouble may be coming from toilet tanks not filling with as much water as they used to.
2. Unattended Child Policy – changes presented by Michelle were reviewed and unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Mike, seconded by Sarah.
3. Thank you to Mary Burdett, former library trustee and chair, for the delicious Angel Food Cake and strawberries.
4. Tim Finan and Mike McInerny talked about the process for taping our meetings. Tonight is the first night that we are being taped.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 *"My guess is (it will be) about 300 years until computers are as good as, say, your local reference library in search."* Craig Silverstein of Google.com

Next meeting – May 17, 2016. Kim brings pizza for 6:30; Meeting at 7:00pm.

Those who declared librarians obsolete when the Internet rage first appeared are now red-faced. We need them more than ever. The Internet is full of 'stuff' but its value and readability is often questionable. 'Stuff' doesn't give you a competitive edge, high-quality related information does. Patricia Schroeder,