

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Wadleigh Memorial Library.

Present: *Persistence and endurance will make you omnipotent*

Jen Hansen, Deb Faucher, Co-Chairs; David Rysdam, Judy Gross, Sarah Sandhage. Kim Paul and Mike Tule. , Alternate: Chris Costantino. Kim Gabert and Mary Ann Shea, library staff. Guests: Dave Boucher, Water Utilities Director and Joel Trafford, WML Facilities Manager

September Meeting Minutes: *Endurance is patience concentrated*

Approved unanimously on a motion by Sarah, seconded by David.

Treasurer's Report: *Endurance is nobler than strength, and patience than beauty*

No gifts. Some corrections due to Kim's continued learning curve with doing the library financials. The Mason gift remains outstanding.

Director's Report *Heroism is endurance for one moment more*

Stats: Circulation

Through SEPTEMBER	2015	2016	% Change
General Circ	161,041*	143,368	11% decrease
Downloadable audiobooks	3,679	4,053	10.2% increase
Downloadable ebooks	5,288	5,065	4.2% decrease
Downloadable magazines	309	570	84.5% increase
Total Circ	170,317	153,056	10.1 % decrease

*2015 checkout figures have been amended to reflect an inaccuracy detected at year's end. Per DR's suggestion (July 2016), should we investigate purchasing another people counter for comparison purposes?

Stats: People Counter

People Counter	2015	2016	% Change
Through SEPTEMBER	93,016	90,050	3.1% decrease

Stats: Public PCs

Through SEPTEMBER	2015	2016	% Change
Wireless logins	8,676	8,881	2.4% increase
Public PC logins	10,625	8,800	17.2% decrease
Total	19,301	17,681	8.4% decrease

Personnel *Every calamity is to be overcome by endurance*

- Interviews continue in our search for a new Director.
- Letty Goerner presented on a panel at NELA, Diana attended a day at NELA, Kim Gabert attended READS conference

Facilities *Patience is the best remedy for every trouble*

- Rental properties
 - 39 Nashua/Annex – Joel Trafford will follow up with tenant regarding the dog license.
 - 29 Nashua – Leak in garage roof has been patched.
- Daily flushing of the main sewer pipe out of the building is preventing a new clog. Joel plans to rig the two public toilets so that the tanks will fill with extra water to increase the water pressure from those two toilets. See below #2 in discussion.
- The Water Department approached Joel about fixing the fountain – Dave Boucher will speak to this at the Trustee meeting. See discussion below; Item 1

- There was a 6" diameter rust spot on a gas pipe in the boiler room which needed to be fixed as soon as possible. Wetherbee has made the necessary repairs.

Systems *The first virtue in a soldier is endurance of fatigue; courage is only the second virtue*

- FirstLight was disconnected on September 30. Comcast continues to perform well for the staff network.
- Town IT (Bruce Dickerson) plans to replace the router switches so that staff can continue to enjoy the benefits of speedier staff network

Programs & Services *Come what may, all bad fortune is to conquered by endurance*

- **Children's**
Yoga Time, Story Dance and Grades 4 & 5 Book Group, Makerspace, Wadleigh Writer Wednesdays, Art Afternoon, PAWS to Read, Grades 2 & 3 Book Club, Lego Party, Make & Take Crafts
Storytimes: Toddler Tales, Little Listeners (Mondays), Baby Lapsit (Wednesdays), and Storytime Stars (Wed & Thurs).
- **Young Adult**
Teen Writers' Club, Doctor Who Fan Club, Anime Club, Teen & Tween Yoga.
- **Adult**
Idea to Invention: How to Become a Maker (2nd Thursday), Benedict Arnold: Patriot and Traitor, NH Humanities Council (Nov 3), Acoustic Café.
Book Groups: History Book Club: *The Grapes of Wrath* by Steinbeck, with a guest speaker from the Bedford High School. (3rd Wednesday), Evening Book Group: *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee (4th Tuesday), Morning Book Group: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman (2nd Thursday).
Ongoing: Knit 1, Crochet 2 (alternate Mondays of each month); Spanish Conversation Group (Tuesdays). Teen Tech Squad (Mondays)

Discussion *"Endurance is not just the ability to bear a hard thing, but to turn it into glory*

1. Library Fountain: The fountain condition has been worsening despite Joel's efforts to protect her. Water Utilities (WU) Director, Dave Boucher, met with the trustees to discuss a partnership to repair the fountain. WU has equipment, materials and staff who are capable of repairing the fountain and bowl. This will enable Joel to have a place for her to remain in town for repairs, which can be done as time is available. Another benefit is that the fountain parts will all remain in town and under one roof. Joel will coordinate project tasks with Brad and keep the trustees updated on progress. There is no rush and the repair work will take a backseat to the weather driven requirements of Joel and WU staff. Most of the materials needed are already available in the WU department. It was estimated for the cost to be about \$5,000, but they won't know until they start work. Hooray and thanks to the WU for offering to partner with Joel. Fundraising ideas: name the Statue; buy a bucket of paint donation; service clubs might be more willing to donate, since town departments are doing the work.
2. Sewage problems persist with blockages happening on a regular basis unless Joel or staff pours inordinate amounts of water through the pipe. The pipes have corroded sufficiently that the roughened surface impedes the flow of flushed solids. Joel suggested, it was okayed by Wetherbee Plumbing, to run new pipes along the floor of the main level and tie into the 1986 pvc pipes which connect with the line at the street. This will involve jackhammering the concrete floor, which Joel is prepared to do in a slow and systematic fashion. This will keep dust to a minimum and reduce risk of further fracturing the 1950's piping which is embedded in the concrete.
3. Non-public session – RSA 91:A.3 personnel. At 8:00 the trustees unanimously approved going into non-public session to discuss personnel on a motion by Jen, seconded by Sarah. The non-public session was closed at 8:30. On a motion by Judy, seconded by Chris, the trustees unanimously approved sealing the minutes of the NP.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm. *That which is bitter to endure may be sweet to remember*

The next meeting of the Wadleigh Memorial Library Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7pm. Jen to bring pizza.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Chris Costantino with assistance from Wise Ones