

Lewiston Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2011

Members present: Art Turley, Chair; Anne Kemper, Judy Gervais, Jennifer GendronCarlton, John Painter, Margaret Craven, Judy Head, Ted Walworth

Others present: Rick Speer, Director of LPL; David Moorhead, Children's Librarian

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Moorhead gave an update of the Children's Department, beginning with a description of the role of Megan Emery. She runs various programs for children and their parents, coordinates the library volunteers, and has developed the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/LPLKids). Nancy O'Toole works part time as the BookReach coordinator; she also works part time at the Readfield Library. David went on to describe the Lego Robotics Club; John Painter expressed interest and will assist in this activity. The Storytime sessions (Mon eve, Tues, AM, Thurs AM) are well attended, as was the Family Literacy Night, held in partnership with Head Start. David also reported on his visits to the Lewiston elementary schools, the summer reading game, and a new on-going game for children called Reading Quest.

The Minutes of the September 8 meeting were approved.

Mr. Speer gave the Director's report. He noted that with the redesign of the Adult Services Desk, which includes an opening facing the Teen Room, the Staff is better able to interact with and provide services to the teenagers in the Library. A spoken word poetry group for teens is being developed with Bates College students via the Harward Center.

The Library staff recommends that the fine for overdue videos be reduced from \$1.00 per day to 10¢ per day. It is felt that given the \$1 charge for a video rental, the existing fine is punitive and discourages borrowing. A financial loss of \$1,900 is anticipated, funds that are used to purchase additional audio-visual material. After some discussion, the Board moved and voted that the fine be decreased as requested for a 6-month trial period.

As for matters pertaining to joint activities and common concerns of APL and LPL, there was nothing new to report. (The last time an APL member attended a LPL board meeting was in April 2011.)

John Painter and Ted Walworth agreed to participate with Staff on the FY13 Objectives Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Z. Walworth,
Secretary