

Lewiston Public Library Board of Trustees

Minutes: April 6, 2017

Members Present: Ann Kemper, Ted Walworth, Jennifer Gendron Carleton, Darby Ray, John Painter, Elizabeth Clifford

Others Present: Rick Speer, Nicole Rancourt (APL) and Marcela Peres (Adult/Teen Services)

The meeting was called to order by Darby Ray at 5:35 P.M.
Minutes From March 2, 2017 unanimously approved

Adult/Teen Services Report: Marcela Peres

Cloud Library- The platform for the lending of audio/visual materials has changed.

The new platform won't work on older Kindles.

The program is easy to use once the app is downloaded.

There is a website for complaints.

We have lost functioning of some library devices and we don't upgrade anymore because they change so often and also because the need has dropped off with more and more patrons acquiring their own e-readers.

We have had a slight increase increase in the lending of ebooks in March.

3D Printer – because of staffing limitations, the 3D printer is unused.

NEW PROGRAMS: Teen Sewing Program- twelve teens participated by making felt hats

Adult “Try it Tuesday” with Ruby Jones. Programs included making Terrariums and string art. A future session planned will be “Organizational Zen”.

“Let's Talk About It” a series about the 14th Amendment

Pop-up Comics program is planned for the end of June with the Auburn Public Library.

We just had the 6th annual Teen Opportunity Program.

We are taking photos of the programs.

STATE OF THE COMPUTERS- We previously had student workers from Kaplan

University to help in the computer lab. But nobody for over a year. Darby noted that if a school receives federal dollars for student financial aid (work/study) it must use 7% of that money for community work/study.

Due to this transition we have had trouble keeping the computer lab open on a regular schedule.

STAFF SHORTAGES: Staff shortage is a real problem. There is evidence of burnout and perhaps some staff are job hunting. Most are spending seven hours on customer service and professional staff are doing things like copying that could best be done by part time staff.

SUMMER INTERN: We will have a professional level intern this summer (150 Hours)

Library Director's Report:

We found the person who spit on Building Monitor. The same person showed up at Auburn Public Library and caused a similar problem. The APL staff recognized him from the photo we sent them. He was arrested for criminal trespass in Auburn and for assault here. He has been banned from the Library for 90 days.

BUDGET HEARING will be April 11, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. Board members are encouraged to attend.

MARSDEN HARTLEY'S MAINE: Rick and Jennifer Gendron Carleton attended the Lender's Reception at the Met Breuer on March 20. The reception was sponsored by the Maine Dept. of Tourism. Shady Brook is the earliest painting in the exhibition. It will be on view in NYC through June 18 and will move to Colby College from July 8 through November 12, 2017. The print of the painting arrived last week.

CHANGE IN SHELVING OF FICTION: The staff is considering the elimination of separate fiction genre collections. We now have sections for Mysteries, Science Fiction and Westerns. The change will bring all fiction of one author together on the same shelf. Colored stickers will be placed on the books to indicate the genre. We are collecting feedback from members on this change: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2TQ3F6> Red shelving is being installed on the first floor to highlight new materials. Red shelves have also installed for dvds and audiobooks.

MAKE SHIFT COFFEE HOUSE: May 6 from 6:30 to 10:00P.M. Cosponsors are Lewiston Rocks, Project Tipping Point and LPL. There will be music, food and conversation about "What is the rightful role of government in shaping the future of our community"

UPCOMING LPL PROGRAMS: April 27, noon: Great Falls Forum "Elan, What the Hell Happened?," with filmmaker Todd Nissen. April 12, 5:00 P.M. Color the Night Away (adult coloring program). April 18, 5:00 P.M. Try it Tuesday Succulent Terrariums.

Director's Report unanimously approved.

Update on Library Director Search:

We have received 18 applications. Three withdrew. The search committee skyped with 6 people and we have 3 semi-finalists. There will be a phone conference on April 7 to decide who to bring in as finalists. The Board and staff will have the opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions.

City Budget Update:

Budget meeting will be April 11, 2017 at City Hall.

APL Meeting Report:

They are working on the Silent Auction. They are also trying to find a new vendor for the cafe. The space needs cleaning and some equipment need replacement.

Old Business: No business

Other Business: We should think about having a Board Meeting in June with the new Director.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.
Next Meeting May 4, 2017