

## **Lewiston Public Library**

### **Board of Trustees**

June 6, 2019

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Darby Ray, Ted Walworth, Mariah Pfeiffer, Safiya Khalid, Anne Kemper, Sarah Gillespie, John Painter  
**Others Present:** Karen Jones, Marcela Peres

Minutes from March 7, 2019 unanimously approved with one addition, that Lisa Trafton the Auburn Public Library representative be added to the "Others Present" list.

#### **1. Collection Services Department report from Karen Jones:**

- a. Karen emphasized the "weeding" process of the current inventory to make room for new acquisitions and to make the current collection more accessible, this process has greatly increased the use of the teen collection in particular. The library also uses a "core collection" of important works to help inform what should be kept.
- b. This past year has seen an increase in staff turnover, there is now less staff than ever in the past and a need for more staffing to keep up with the current amount of work. Darby made the suggestion that a Bates summer intern might be able to help.
- c. Circulation has decreased statewide, particularly after the recession in 2009 and the subsequent budget cuts.
- d. This last year has seen a big decline in door count, though we attribute that in part to not counting folks who come for events in the Callahan Room.
- e. eBooks and audiobook distribution, on the other hand, has increased dramatically, almost 25%.
- f. Adult Program attendance has increased dramatically as well in the last two years.

#### **2. Library Director's Report:**

- a. Library is now in summer hours, going from 50 hours per week to 47 hours per week, mostly a reduction in Saturday hours.
- b. Kanopy so successful we are looking to increase funding for it next year!
- c. Building projects: Reconsidering carpet options to stay within budget, reassessing cost of window project and that project will be shelved until FY21.
- d. A plethora of awesome LPL programs upcoming including on July 19 when the Boston Youth Poet Laureate comes to the Youth and Community Open Mic!

#### **3. Maine Reciprocal Borrowing Program:**

- a. Unanimous approval to join this program, which would allow non-resident library cardholders to borrow books from any participating library. This is a trial and we reserve the right to decide to leave the program after the pilot year if it does not work out for our library's needs/financials.

- b. There is a bill in the legislature LD-1149 to expand access to MaineCAT and this statewide library borrowing system.
- 4. Acceptance of video magnifier gift unanimously approved.**
- 5. Friends of LPL Report-- Anne Kemper, Friends President**
  - a. L/A Landmarks game had a great showing with 77 attendees and a revenue of \$1814. We still need to increase membership numbers, tell your friends!
- 6. APL Board meeting report:**
  - a. Darby reported that there were concerns over parking at the library as new construction is taking place nearby. They also had their annual budget review.
- 7. Old Business: none.**

**Next Meeting:** September 5, 2019