

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 (via Zoom) by Chair, Pam Mitchell.

Those present: Pam Mitchell, Jen Bonnefond, Sonya Clark, Brenda Lake, Deb Peale, Maureen Kinder, Jan Tarbuck, Pat Clark, Betty Peterson, Melissa Small, Librarian.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was approved.

Librarian's Report:

- Library Reopening: All Library services are now being offered, according to Coronavirus restrictions, with the exception of the patron computer.
- Maine State Library Guidance: Melissa continues to attend these meetings held by Zoom.
- Facebook: We now have 332 followers on Facebook
- Ancestry Library: Free, in-home use has been extended through December 31, 2020.
- Building Issues: WiFi continues to be a problem. Melissa and other board members are continuing to research this problem.

Bulletin Board: Melissa will set up a bulletin board near the front door for notices to keep the door from deteriorating.

- 2020 Collection Weeding Project: This project is still being done.
- Program updates: Storytime at the Beach has been successful and will continue through the end of October.

Build-a-Book Workshop was held outside at the Library was also successful and as a result Ellen Bowman, the host, will offer another workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6:00 (rain date, Monday, Sept. 21) for students in grades 6-12 called "Book-making Unlimited".

Author/Illustrator book signing held on August 15 was very successful with about 46 people in attendance. This event was held outside the Library. Author Veronica McFall and Illustrator RJ Jenkins talked about their first book published "A Visit to the Bahamas from A to Z"

- New programs: Read ME, Library book group will be held Sept. 30 at 6:30 at the Town Office. The book is "The Vigilance of Stars" by Patricia O'Donnell.

October Book Club date is changed to October 21 at 6:30 at the Town Office. The book is "Roughhouse Friday: A Memoir" by Jaed Coffin.

Thank You Melissa for all your hard work.

Old Business:

- Renovations update: The town is committed to completing the remaining renovations to the Library building.
- Fall Book Sale: Much discussion was given to this event. As a result the Board decided to hold an ongoing book sale in the Library beginning the first week in October. We are going to try to have a different genre each week and will post it.

New Business:

- Pumpkin and Halloween: Jan will supply a pumpkin for the month of October, so we can hold the "Guess the Weight" event again this year. Thank you Jan. We will coordinate our Halloween celebration with local organizations.
- Volunteer Appreciation: This year, due to Covid, we will send out thank you notes to our volunteers.

- Christmas Tree Lighting: It's early to be thinking about this, but we are all thinking of ways we can handle this event safely. Will discuss this further next month.
- Hanukkah: Hanukkah 2020 begins Thursday, December 10. We are also thinking of ways to hold this event which was very popular last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

The next meeting will be held on October 7 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted.

Betty Peterson, Secretary