

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 (via Zoom) by Chair, Pam Mitchell.  
All Trustees were present and Melissa Small, Librarian.

Secretary's Report: The January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sonya explained a couple of items and they were then approved.

Librarian's Report:

- Maine Public Library history/photograph project: A Maine librarian is working on this project for her thesis. We are looking into the project.
- Patron Card Question: If a patron has a business in Readfield but does not live in Readfield is he/she eligible for a resident library card. Consensus was if they are paying taxes in Readfield, yes they are eligible.
- 2020 Reading Challenge: Winners were announced.
- Valentine Raffles: Two raffles are being offered for February. They are on Facebook and in Readfield Messenger.
- Story Walk Grant: Pam and Melissa have met with Woodworking teachers at Maranacook and Kents Hill. Both are getting started on the design of the posts.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day (February 6, 2021): Many activities are planned including a Virtual Cook-A-Book Family Event.
- Writers' Group: This event is scheduled for Monday, March 8 via Zoom.
- Story Time: Weekly story time continues via Zoom.
- Possible March/April Events: Melissa is looking into events for the next couple of months.
- Summer "Read Me" Program with Maine Humanities Council: Melissa will see if we can participate in this event.
- MHC "World in Your Library" program: Melissa will apply for this program.
- Library Coronavirus-related Issues: At this time no changes are being made to library services. We will look at this issue again in March. This includes having volunteers in the Library at the same time as the Librarian. Meanwhile, volunteers are stepping up to help Melissa on other projects.
- Programming/Events Statistics for January: All events were held via Zoom. Four children's story times were held with an average of 5 children attending, and one Adult Book Group was held with 13 people attending.
- Statistics: One new Library card was issued. Facebook Followers: 392 (an increase of 6 since last month.)
- Virtual Book Launch with Local Author/Illustrator: On Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 pm, the Library will host a Virtual Book Launch to celebrate the publication of a new children's book "Percy's Patience: The Story of Governor Baxter and Baxter State Park" by Readfield Author Barbara D. Bourgoine and Readfield Illustrator Jemalie D. Bessette. We are also planning an outdoor Author/Illustrator Event this summer.
- Library Book Group News: February Book Group meets by Zoom on Monday, February 22 at 6:30 pm. The book for this month is "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You". March Book Group meets on Monday, March 29 at 6:30 pm. March book is "Chosen by a Horse" by Susan Richards (memoir) and this will be a question and answer meeting with the author.

Thank you Melissa.

Old Business:

- COVID updates, volunteers: Discussed in Librarian's Report.
- Grant for Story Walk: Discussed in Librarian's Report.
- Book Group and Writer's Group: Discussed in Librarian's Report.

New Business:

- The Maine Council for English Language Arts – Author talks: Discussed in Librarian's Report.
- Take your Child to the Library Day: Discussed in Librarian's Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.

The next meeting will be held on March 3 at 6:30 via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Peterson, Secretary