

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Pam Mitchell. Meeting was held in person at the Library and by Zoom. Trustees present were: Pam Mitchell, Jen Bonnefond, Deb Peale, Sonya Clark, Maureen Kinder, Betty Peterson and Melissa Small, Librarian.

Excused were: Brenda Lake, Pat Clark, and Jackie Drouin.

Secretary's Report: July minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sonya clarified a couple of items and then was approved.

Pam and other board members congratulated Deb Peale on receiving the Spirit of America Award this year. She was well deserving of it.

Old Business:

- COVID updates: Since Kennebec County is now in the "substantial or high" category for community transmission, the Board has decided to mandate masks being worn in the Library regardless of vaccination status. Masking is not required of children age 2 and under. Any patron unable to wear a mask can make alternate arrangement with the Librarian for library services. There will be signs at the door. We will continue to use our volunteers but Melissa will ask them if they are comfortable coming in and if not, they can come back at a later date. Melissa will also limit the number of patrons allowed in the Library if need be.

Story Walk Library and RES Update: The Library had their dedication on August 28 and RES will have theirs later in September. To this date 24 books have been sponsored.

- Summer Book Sale: Book Sale was a success with many people attending.
- Thank you to patrons: service and donation: The Board decided that gift baskets were a good way of thanking people.
- Grants: ARPA grant for \$2,500.00 was approved. Funds need to be spent on COVID relief items. Melissa will comprise a list of items she feels we could use. There are other grants that Melissa is looking into.

New Business:

- Library Intern: A University of Maine at Augusta candidate for a BS in Information and Library Science has been assigned as an intern for Melissa for this fall. Also on September 11, Melissa will have a MLS candidate job shadow her for the day.
- Placement for Historical Marker: Melissa will contact Eric and Dale to help pick out a site for the marker. She will notify the Board for whoever can be present as well.
- Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens Pass: A patron has asked if we would be getting a pass for the Botanical Gardens. It is very expensive but we are looking into it.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration: Dale would like to do a presentation; however, the Board is not sure if we should have this event due to COVID. Melissa will see if Dale would like to do a Zoom event.

#### Librarian Report:

- Food Rescue Maine Program: The Library has given out 21 countertop composting buckets to those who have signed the composting pledge.
- Zoom Account: The MSL may continue funding public library Zoom accounts even beyond the June 30, 2022 date.
- Programming/Event Statistics for July 2021:  
Story Time met 3 times at the beach averaging about 20 attendees.  
Kids Science Workshop with Author Talk held outside the Library had 20 attendees.  
Story Time with Children's Author held at beach had 41 attendees.  
Author talk held outside the Library had 15 attendees.  
Music with Stan Davis postponed due to weather.  
July Book Group: 6 attended.  
Author talk held at Town Office had 10 attendees.  
New Library Cards for July – 10  
Facebook followers – 440 (an increase of 12 since June.)  
Curbside Service – 1 for July
- Programming/Event Statistics for August 2021:  
Story Time met 4 times at the beach averaging about 11 attendees.  
Build-a-Book Workshop – 11 attended.  
Story Time with Children's Author – 23 attended.  
Gladiator Event: 5 attended  
"Percy's Patience" Book Event: 20 attended.  
Historic Sign Dedication held at the Fire Station at the Book Sale: 75 attended.  
Music with Stan Davis cancelled again due to weather.  
Grand Opening Story Walk: 47 attended.  
August Book Club: 6 attended.  
Summer Reading Finale with Chewonki: 48 attended.  
New Library Cards for August: 4  
Facebook Followers: 448 (an increase of 8 since July)  
Curbside Service: 6.
- Possible Upcoming Programming/Events:  
Bicycle Maintenance Workshop with Bicycle Coalition of Maine.  
Library Table at RES Open House  
Betty Culley author event in conjunction with Maranacook Middle School  
Joseph Cummings Chase – history event and portrait sketching.  
Story Time will continue to meet at the Town Beach hopefully through October.  
Book Group: September 27, 6:30 "Anxious People" by Fredrick Backman.  
Better Business Bureau: BBB will set up an informational table at the library in January and February.  
October, Domestic Violence Month: Family Violence has asked if we would display some of their books and materials for October.
- Wrap Up Summer Reading Program for 2021: 67 total children/teens registered; 607.25 hours read; Chewonki Celebration was a success with 48 in attendance.

- Thank You to all Board Members for their help with summer events.
- The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.  
The next meeting will be held on October 6 at 6:30 via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Peterson, Secretary