

READFIELD LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
JULY 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Chair, Deb Peale.

Those present were: Deb Peale, Brenda Lake, Beverly Monsulick, Jan Tarbuck, Cricket Blouin, Lori Clark, Donna Witherill, Betty Peterson and Nancy O'Toole Meservier, Librarian.

Excused was Pam Mitchell.

**June's Secretary's report:** Accepted

**June's Treasurer's report:** Accepted

**Librarian's Report:**

- The Maine Humanities Book Club had it's final meeting on Wednesday, June 29. It was a successful program and we will consider doing it again in the fall.
- Summer Reading Program is off to a good start. Nancy visited the Elementary School and connected with the students. Kickoff party went well with 35 sign-ups on day one. Since then we have had 80 sign ups and participants have read 401 books, roughly where we were at this point last year.
- Children's story hour has been going well, with healthy participation for four weeks in a row. Christy Morrison, a volunteer, has been very helpful in getting the crafts prepared for story hour.
- Silent Auction has been going slowly.
- Partnership with Adhoc Committee on Aging: Readfield recently started a new committee on aging. We will be discussing how we can help with this program. For one, they will be donating a number of books on care giving, which we will highlight. We have discussed delivering books to housebound individuals in the past and they are considering offering a taxi-type service for people who cannot drive.
- Year End Stats: Nancy recently put together the statistics for the end of the year. In the fiscal year ending in June 2016 saw our circulation increase by approx. 11% which is an increase of around 60% from six years ago. Adult nonfiction, teen and audio decreased but children's circulation was WAY up, going from 3863 books circulated in FY 2014-2105, to 4860 in 2015-2016. Patron tally has increased by approx. 6%. We have about the same amount of programs (around 30) but participation has increased from 379 to 668.
- Nancy asked for a Board decision: The Shaw Library in Mt. Vernon will be going through renovations this fall and will be offering limited services during that time. Mary Anne Libby, the Librarian, asked if their residents could purchase temporary cards for the four or five month period the renovations were to take place. A discussion followed: A motion was made by Brenda Lake to allow Mt. Vernon's residents a 6 month temporary library card for the amount of \$12.50. It was seconded by Donna Witherill. The motion was approved.
- Upcoming Booksale: Nancy has done some advertising online and will be cutting off book donations by the end of July.
- Future projects for the fall: Rearranging sections, weeding the Maine section, and planning volunteer appreciation day.

**Old Business:**

- Slate of Officers for 2016-2017 has been voted on. It is as follows: Deb Peale, Chairperson, Lori Clark, Vice-Chairperson, Betty Peterson, Secretary and Beverly Monsulick as Treasurer. All approved.
- Quilt raffle: More tickets have been sold.
- Surplus sale/silent auction: People are looking. Have about 3 or 4 bids. Put in Advertiser and online again.
- Leftover books from sale: Goodwill, Pal's and various community organizations will take the leftover books.
- Book sale: Proceeding according to schedule.

**New Business:**

- Age Friendly Community Board/Library Board of Trustees collaboration: Will be discussed more at our next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 at the Library.

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:11.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Peterson, Secretary