

Readfield Community Library Board Meeting
October 3, 2018

Called to Order: 6:32

Those Present: Jen Henderson, Sonya Clark, Jan Tarbuck, Deb Peale, Pam Mitchell, Donna Witherill, Pat Clark, Maureen Kinder, librarian

Excused: Betty Peterson, Brenda Lake

Secretary's Report: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved

Revised July/August financials and September and 1st quarter

Librarian's Report:

- *MSLN bandwidth upgrade is still an open item.
- * Maureen will be on vacation from October 19th to October 28th.
- * Day of Caring- Maranacook Middle School- Kathy Farrin's middle school advisee group has offered to help with yard work, etc. We will contact Anna at the town office, as she may be able to help. A volunteer will be at the library that day.
- * Programing/Event Updates:
- * Cribbage Club: will continue in October, but then not until January.
- * Completed Event: Author Talk, Paul Doiron: Much appreciation to Pat Clark for arranging this, Paul Doiron for his time and to all who contributed to the pot luck, room set-up and clean-up. We had 54 participants.
- * Completed EvenBook Club: Bury You Dead, by Louise Penny. There were 11 participants.

October Events:

- * Library is closed on Monday, October 8th for Columbus Day.
- * Through the month of October, " Guess the weight of the pumpkin" contest. Winner will be notified on Saturday, October 27th, so the pumpkin can be picked up.
- * Volunteer appreciation night, October 17th.

Pam- apple cider
Deb- crackers & cheese
Donna- dessert
Sonja- fruit
Jan-cookies
Brenda-lemon bars

*October Book Club, Monday, October 24th: The Halloween Tree, by Ray Bradbury
Additional copies have been requested through ILL

***Halloween, Wednesday, October 31st.** We will be open and handing out candy and goodies for the trick or treaters.

November Events:

- * Story time at RES with Pat Clark

- Maureen out on Saturday, November 10th
- Library closed on Monday, November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day
- Modified library hours on Wednesday, November 21st: 2-5pm
- Library closed on Thursday, November 22nd for Thanksgiving
- Rock Talk (reprise) either Monday, November 5th or Monday, November 26th
- Book Club, Wednesday, November 28th. We will be reading, The One in a Million Boy, by Monica Wood.
- Tree Lighting will be Friday, November 30th.
 - *Pam will ask Steve D. about a tree. We will set it up on Saturday, November 17th.
 - *Deb will look into buying new lights for the Christmas tree.

Old Business:

- Book Donation guidelines: Maureen & Jen will work on a final copy of guidelines for book donations to put on the website.
- Friends of the Library: Deb reported that The Friends of the Library made about \$800.00 the day of the summer book sale. They are interested in helping with library programming, such as Chewonki.
- Other program ideas are:
 - Patrick McGowan-author in Fayette
 - Justine Fontes and her husband
 - George Smith
 - Lynn Plourde
 - Author in Dixfield
 - Planetarium
 - January- Cookbook program?
- They are also looking into a grant from Lowes for physical improvements to the library such as shades.
- Pat will be working with the Readfield Elementary School playgroup for children under the age of 4. Pat will come up with a budget and Deb will run it by the Friends. The board will look into toys to donate to this program.
- **Little Free Library:** It is registered! It will be on a map, so people can find it.

*Library interior face lift:

Upstairs "kitchen" is almost done.

Brenda and Deb have begun cleaning the downstairs- taking books off the shelves and flipping the shelves over and cleaning the books off.

New Business:

Play group at Readfield Elementary will be coordinated with the Library by Pat Clark.

- Library Environment: Books age and get spots called, "foxing" from the iron in the paper. What are the ideal conditions for the library to prevent mold? Dry and moderate temperature. We do have a humidifier. It was suggested that a heat pump would help to mitigate the humidity. Deb will talk to Eric Dyer.

The next meeting will be November 7th, 6:30 at the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.