

READFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2022

**APPROVED**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair, Pam Mitchell. Meeting was held by Zoom. Pam Mitchell, Jen Bonnefond, Brenda Lake, Deb Peale, Pat Clark, Jackie Drouin, Betty Peterson and Melissa Small, Librarian were present.

Excused were Sonya Clark and Maureen Kinder.

Secretary's Report: February minutes were approved.

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

Old Business:

- COVID Update: After much discussion, the Board has decided to continue requiring masks inside the library as we have. However, we will be assessing the situation regularly.
- Summer Park Passes: We are still gathering information about a Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens Pass and are also looking into a pass for The Children's Museum and Theatre of Maine in Portland.

New Business:

- Intellectual Freedom, Right to Read, and Censorship Issues: Melissa has informed us that there is a lot of discussion from Libraries and Librarians throughout the State in regards to censorship issues in general, and particularly as related to collection development and access. She is looking into our Board policies to be sure they reflect best practices, and will make recommendations for any revisions needed. Will discuss this again next month.
- Possible vacation time for Melissa: Melissa is planning her summer vacation and is concerned about certain jobs. The Board advised her to take her vacation and we could cover what needs to be done. She will train a few of us for some of the jobs.
- Dates for Summer Programming: Theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities" and will run from June 20 through August 22. Melissa is also setting up a couple of author presentations. More to follow next month.

Librarian's Report:

- Project Connect: Installation was completed on February 11.
- Story Walk at Readfield Elementary Site Update: We would like to help coordinate this event, perhaps in May.
- Career Center Consultant: The Career Center has a new "Career Center on Wheels" program to reach out to smaller towns to provide career services to patrons. The consultant is willing to come for several weeks in April for 2 hour time blocks for drop-in or appointments.

- New Quilt in Circulation area: Thanks to a local quilting group, we have a new quilt hanging in the circulation area to honor Black History Month and Underground Railroad Quilts.
- Upcoming events for March:
  1. Tuesday, March 1st, 9:30-11:30 am – Group Story Walk & Story Time.
  2. Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 pm – Cake decorating workshop by Zoom with Emily Clark.
  3. Saturday, March 26th, 1:00 pm – Local author children's event outdoors with Justine Fontes. Justine will read her picture book "Black Meets White."
  4. Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – Library Book Group meeting by Zoom to discuss the Fiction selection "The Exiles" by Christina Baker Kline.

Programing/Events Statistics Updates for February 2022:

1. February Story Walk: Met twice with 3 and 7 attending.
2. Take Your Child to the Library Day: 9 attended.
3. Writers Group Meeting: 2 attended.
4. Full Moon Snowshoe/Hike: 17 attended.
5. Better Business Bureau Info Table: cancelled by presenter.
6. February Book Group: 11 attended.
7. New Library Cards for February: 15 (Unbelievable!)
8. Curbside Service: 4
9. Home Deliveries: 1
10. Facebook Followers: At the end of February, we had 511 followers.

Pam asked if there were any other comments: Pat Clark said that Healthy Communities of the Capitol Area (HCCA) are very impressed with our Story Walk and are suggesting them to other Libraries. They are seeking our advice in helping other libraries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next meeting will be held on April 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm by Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Peterson, Secretary