

Readfield Community Library  
Board of Trustees meeting  
April 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by chair, Pam Mitchell. Meeting was held by zoom. Pam Mitchell, Jen Bonnefond, Maureen Kinder, Brenda Lake, Deborah Peale, Jackie Drouin, pat Clark and Melissa Small the librarian were present. Excused were Sonya Clark and Betty Pererson.

Secretary's report: March minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report: was tabled due to questions for Sonya and will be discussed at our next meeting.

Old Business:

Covid update: All Readfield Community Library services continue to be offered. Masks have become optional inside the library beginning April 1st.. However, the board will be assessing the situation regularly.

Coastal Maine Botanical Garden Pass: The board voted and agreed to purchase a library pass for patron use.

New Business:

Collection boxes for outside groups (Such as Box tops, Ronald MacDonald House etc). This topic is tabled and will be discussed in the future

Street Numbers-move to front of the building:

April program help: Looking for help with upcoming events:

April 20th Build-A-Book workshop,  
April 27th Poetry stroll

Summer Reading: Summer theme is "Oceans of Possibilities" and will begin Monday June 20th and end Monday August 22nd. July 14th Chris Van Dusen will do mid-summer Talk. Next month will talk more about prizes. Readers will have the option of using Beanstack to log their minutes/books, or a paper log.

Volunteer Appreciation: Week of April 17-23rd. Have a small gathering Wednesday April 20th outside from 6-7.

5yr/10yr Plan Discussion: Create a sub-committee to create long term plans for the library. Brenda Lake, Pam Mitchell and Jackie Drouin will be involved.

#### Librarians Report:

Student Community service days : Kents Hill will come Tuesday April 19th and Maranacook Community Middle school group will come Thursday May 5th.

Screen Free week: May 2-8 and more details will follow after talking to Gwen Mohlar.

Michaels Arts and Crafts: The library now has a tax exempt account at Michaels.

Painting donation: A local Resident has donated a painting done by local painter Olive Smith to be used either upstairs or in the Children's room.

Possible Coffee socials: Looking into offering a weekly daytime outdoor gathering in the summer months. Talking with Elaine on the Age-friendly committee. .

Sea dogs "Slugger's Reading Challenge": Offered to K-8 children who read 3 books outside of school they receive a free game ticket. Forms are at the circulation desk and due April 15th.

Annual Report: The librarian submitted the Annual Report to the Maine State Library on April 1, 2022. The report was for FY21(Fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30,2021).

Weekly Story Time: Starting back up each Tuesday at 10:00 am in May. Meeting behind the library, and then will likely move to the Town Beach in mid-June.

#### Building/Technology issues:

Emergency Lights- New LED emergency lights in the circulation area were replaced on 4/12/22 by electrician.

First aid kit: The new First Aid kit will be housed in the circulation desk cabinet where it is readily accessible by volunteers and patrons.

#### Closures:

The library was closed on the following day in March: No closures

Upcoming closures for April: Monday, April 18th for Patriots Day

#### Beanstack iditaRead Reading Challenge (March)

14 total participants signed up (6 adults, 0 teens, 8 children).

3,660 minutes completed

9 participants actively read

3 completed the challenge of 244 minutes; 2 challenge activities were completed

We had adult and child raffle winners and they received a small prize.

The virtual Cake Decorating Workshop with Emily Clark was fantastic. Hoping to offer a live event in future.

Local author Justine Fontes hosted a fabulous event with her books and a fun stamping activity.

#### Programming/Event statistics Updates for March 2022

March Story walk event: 1 attending

Writers Group: 2

Cake decorating: zoom event. 6 attending

Authors Event: 15 attending

March book group: 12 attending

Iditaread Reading challenge: 14 attending

New Library cards for March 13cards

Curbside services: 8 curbside pickups

Home deliveriesfor March 1 home delivery.

Facebook Followers: At the end of March we had 517 followers (an increase of 6 since the end of February).

#### Upcoming Programming/Event Notes:

Story Walk updates: Pam is working with the RES site for the Grand opening.

Note for Library trail. The June book will be about Alpacas with a special event on Saturday June 4th at 10 am. July will be Chris Van Dusen for his Authors Event.

The April book is poetry about fun things to do outside.

Cake Pan collection: Looking towards a possible May 1st launch

Career Center Consultant: met twice during April and plan one more visit. A customer each time.

National Poetry Month/Evening Poetry stroll: Last week of April will have a poetry walk and host an evening Poetry stroll on Wednesday April 27th at 6:00pm.

Next meeting May 11th

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm