

Randolph Public Library

Trustees' Meeting, Mon Aug 16th, 2021, 6.30pm

Present: Denise Demers, Ellen Ross, Steve Teczar, Heather Wiley, Yvonne Jenkins (librarian) and Kayla Demers (Friends of Randolph Public Library)

Absent: Rhonda Stitt

1. Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Denise seconded, all were in favor.

2. Treasurer's Report (by email)

Town Checking	\$13,675.37
RPL Checking	\$8,249.55
Building Fund CD	\$18,995.19

3. Friends' Group Report

The July bake sale/raffle/membership fees and a donation raised \$555 for the Friends. Meetings will now be held quarterly, next one being in September. There are approximately 40 Friends currently subscribed.

4. Librarian's Report

The American Rescue Plan Act grant receipts and paperwork have been submitted to the state for reimbursement. A check should be received within 2-4 weeks. An article about the grant award has been submitted to local papers and to next month's Mountain View.

The display case is nearing completion of its restoration and tempered glass from DJ's Auto Glass in Berlin should be installed by mid-September.

Bobbi Slosser from the NH State Library will be doing a training on digitization and preparing items for the NH Digital Library on Sept 20th at 10am. Other North Country librarians have been invited and Yvonne hopes that some Randolphians will also be trained to assist with the project over the winter.

The summer Children's Program has had between 4-13 participants. Last one will take place on August 18th. The new children's table is complete and set up in the Children's Room.

Artist Erik Koeppel will not be presenting his program this year due to the recent increase in Covid cases - it will be rescheduled to next summer.

The book discussion of "The Last Traverse" is scheduled for Sept 1st at 10am outdoors. The follow up Zoom presentation by the author will take place on Oct 6th at 6pm.

The Great North Woods Libraries are planning another Zoom series of programs for Feb-May 2022.

Yvonne attended a recent meeting of the North Country Library Coop in Bethlehem to discuss the possibility of applying for a second grant from the ARPA funds. It needs to be collaborative in nature and the plan would be to establish "little free libraries" at central spots in each community. Minimum grant amount is \$10,000, maximum \$50,000.

Additional disposable masks are needed.

5. Planning for Library Participation in the Randolph Bicentennial Celebration 2024

Steve and Yvonne met with representatives from the Randolph Foundation about advance

planning for the Bicentennial in 2024. Some ideas discussed included: book discussions, library sponsoring of a community concert, sponsoring children's programs, setting up a rotating art or memorabilia display.

6. Continuing and Other Business

Review of the recent annual book sale: The sale raised \$1451 for the library. Sunday was much less well attended than Saturday. The trustees discussed possibly limiting the sale to Saturday only next year, but lengthening the hours to 4pm. It was determined that the old library location should not be needed next year as there will only be 1 year's worth of books to sell. Yvonne informed the group that volunteers are manning the old library on Sundays in August from 3-5pm to try to sell more books. This may extend to October if volunteers are available.

The leftover books may be moved to Lancaster before the winter. There are also a couple of book dealers that will be given access prior to book removal.

Coos County is again experiencing substantial transmission of Covid. The library will continue to require face masks for entry.

7. The next meeting will be Monday, September 20th at 6.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Wiley  
Secretary