

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Groton Public Library

4:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order : Marie Shaw called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

- II. Roll call: Cindy Wright, Jenn Miele, Marilyn Comrie, Katherine Brighty, Marie Shaw, Rosemary Duval-Arnould and Hali Keeler. Excused: Chuck Strand and Barbara Nagy. Absent: Laurel Butler.

- III. Public Comments: None

- IV. Communications: None

- V. Approval of minutes of the May 16, 2018 Library Board meeting: Katherine moved that the minutes be approved as written. Motion was seconded by Hali. Unanimously approved.

- VI. Review of May statistics: E-book circulation continues to grow. Children's themed book bags have been very popular. Movie binge boxes are also popular. Visits are +2150 vs. May 2017, probably due to increased programming.

- VII. Director's Report
 - A. Library Director activities
 1. Attended the CLC annual meeting where Board Chair Marie Shaw received the Jan Gluz Cooperative Spirit Award.
 2. Continued to plan the One Book, One Region kickoff (*Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid) with CT College and Start Fresh New London. It will take place at CURE Innovation Commons on June 26 at 5:30 p.m.
 3. Will be attending the American Library Association annual conference in New Orleans from June 20 – 25.
 4. Met with Jim Streeter and Mike Spellmon to discuss the disbanding of the Groton Historical Society. Their collection (which includes Carol Kimball's collection, Jim Streeter's postcard collection and the GHS collection) will be donated to GPL, probably at the end of August – September. We are recruiting an unpaid intern to work on our digitization projects to help us to be in a better position to accession this additional large collection.
 5. Met with Avery-Copp House staff to discuss potential joint programming.

B. Library activities

1. New fabric wall panel system was installed in the large meeting room to facilitate hanging monthly art displays.
2. Stacks in the children's rooms were moved to create more floor space. Staff pitched in and emptied almost every shelf and then re-shelved the materials.
3. Library office hours for the Community Police Officer on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons are going well.
4. Summer Reading: Libraries Rock. Many Programs for Children, Youth and Adults. We will be a Groton Free lunch site again, using 2 meeting rooms this year. On July 11, a staff v. teens kickball game is planned.
5. We are offering a children's music program on Make Music Day, June 21.

C. Circle of Friends

1. The Scholastic Book Fair raised \$1,100 which will be used for summer reading prizes.

VIII. New Business

1. Updates from Cindy Wright and Jenn Miele: YTD numbers of adult books purchased are ahead of last year; children's books are behind slightly; nonprint purchases –DVDs, and CDs are much lower, on purpose. Books on CD and Playaways continue to circulate well.
2. Possible movie fundraiser is being planned for a staff member who is facing huge family medical bills.

IX. Old Business

1. Report on Board plans to recognize the Junior Friends for their recent award from FOCL for the Bumpers & Books event: We are planning to have a BigY cake for the Juniors Friends at their summer social on Aug 8, 5 pm. Laurel will email Kim, and Marie will finalize the details at our July meeting.

X. Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m. with unanimous approval.