

Town of Johnsbury Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
September 8, 2021
Submitted by Cheryl Gillespie/Secretary

Meeting called to order at 5 pm by President Robert Eberhard.

Attendance: Present: Anita Abrams, Robert Eberhard, Kate Erwin, Cheryl Gillespie, Caroline Jackson, Donna Messerle, Steve Shaughnessy. Absent: Chris Flack,

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** to approve June 2021 Minutes *passed*. There were no meetings held in July and August.

Moved: Anita Abrams

Seconded: Steve Shaughnessy

Approval of Warrants:

Motion to approve (6)warrants *passed*. Expenditure totaled \$970.92 for SALS July Automation Fee, large type books, and materials for Summer reading program and Story Walk .

Moved: Steve Shaughnessy

Seconded: Caroline Jackson

Library Director's Report (Kate Erwin)

1. Library anniversary has been celebrated with a banner outside of Town Hall and postings on social media. Proposed printing Anniversary book marks and this will be investigated.
2. Library opening for "Summer Mondays" is finished. The Library has resumed its normal schedule.
3. Story Walk
 - *Sun Community News* did an article covering the opening event of this program.
 - The library partnered with the Department of Environmental Conservation on the opening event on 8/21. Presenters from DEC launched the program with a presentation to children along the story path.
 - Approximately 20 persons have taken the Story Walk.
4. Visits occurred to 7 classes of JCS with a story time reaching 142 students.
5. The *Rail Roads of North Creek* lecture on 8/5 was a successful adult program with 25 persons in attendance.
6. The one day book sale sponsored by Friends of the Library drew 129 persons.
7. There have been two (2) school field trips to the Library with a total of 35 students.
8. The Library partnered with Cornell Cooperative Extension for two projects: creating container gardening kits and events for the Summer reading program.
 - The programs incorporated the youth camp and JCS summer school program children.
 - Container garden kits were distributed from 6/24-7/7 and 42 persons participated.
 - 172 kids participated in the Kids Summer Reading Events; 16 completed the reading challenge and there were 6 grand prize winners.

9. Grants:

- a. Library received a grant in August from the *Community Fund for the Gore Mountain Region* (CFGMR) for \$1000 which will be used for signage for the Story Walk program.
- b. Attended the CFGMR grant ceremony.

10. Policies

- Fine policy
Motion to approve a No-fine policy passed.
Moved: Bob Eberhard
Seconded: Anita Abrams
The Board's approval of the policy to be shared with the Town Board.
Kate Erwin will draft a policy and present at the next Board meeting.
- Update Re-Opening Plan & Mask Policy: Library has adopted the Town's policy of indoor mask wear for both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons as of this week; the children's room is open for browsing only with a one family limit at a time; a 30 minute time limit on computers is in effect; the back room and stacks will remain open.

Treasurer's Report (Caroline Jackson)

July's P&L report distributed.

Old Business

Bylaws revisions passed in July through an electronic vote.

New Business

A donation was given to the Library in memorium of Olga Lapell. She was a library regular and a constant user of audio books. It was suggested that the donation be used for the purchase of audio books.

Motion to utilize the Olga Lapell memorium donation for the purchase of audio books *passed*.

Moved: Steve Shaughnessy

Seconded: Anita Abrams

Sara Dallas from SALS will attend the October Board meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 pm *passed*.

Moved: Steve Shaughnessy

Seconded: Bob Eberhard

Next Meeting on October 6, 2021 at 5:00 PM at Library