



Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board

**Cheshire Public Library
104 Main Street
Cheshire, CT 06410**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 18, 2013

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board was called to order by Craig Wilson at 7:00p.m. in the Evelyn Moss Room of the library.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:

Craig Wilson, Vice Chair
Judy Knott, Corresponding Secretary
Kathy Nankin, Treasurer
Alice Darter
Dalena DeSena
Joy Hostage
Ramona Burkey, Library Director

Members absent:

Carol DiPietro, Chair
Andy Falvey, Town Council Liaison

II. February 25, 2013 -- Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Joy Hostage to accept the minutes with corrections. SECONDED by Kathy Nankin. The minutes were approved by a voice vote, unanimously. Corrections: Page 2: Mrs. Esty was not at the CT State Library Board meeting. Mrs. Sheldon serves on the Canton Friends of the Public Library board.

III. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Nankin reported the Library Board account balance to be \$813.75.

IV. Reports of Committees

1. School-Library Partnership

Mrs. Knott provided the following report from Sue Hartley.

- 2/26: Meeting with Susan Keeney from Kiwanis Club. Susan is on the Reading Committee for the Kiwanis Club. Some committee members would like to volunteer with story times and other projects. Susan will get back to Sue after their next Kiwanis meeting.
- 3/1: Sue Hartley was a speaker at the meeting of the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). Sue spoke about the importance of reading to young children and gave them a handout on specific reading suggestions for infants through early elementary school years.
- 3/6: Dr. Seuss Read-Aloud with the CHS Student Senate. Student leader Jill Durso, and other Student Senate members provided Dr. Seuss stories, a craft and refreshments for the 26 children who participated in this event. Several children came to the Children's room after the program and commented on how much they enjoyed the program.
- 3/10: Sue Hartley volunteered at the 25th Artsplace Anniversary of Arts Day at Cheshire Academy. Over 600 children and adults participated. I hope to have some of the artists I meet make presentations at the Library.
- 3/26: Sue Hartley will visit the Cheshire Creative Learning Center on Elm Street to talk about activities of public librarians; there will be time for stories.
- 3/27: Stories for six special needs students from Dodd Middle School.
- 3/30: Chris Kelman (magician) at 10:30am.

April Vacation

- Tuesday, 4/16: Sciencetellers at 10:30am. Best for age 5 and up. Incredible program that combines science stories with science experiments. This program is entitled *Dragons and Dreams*.
- Wednesday, 4/17: Two workshops on LED (Light Emitting Diodes) with Eric Nelson. Session 1 – 2pm. Session 2 – 3:15-4:15pm
- Thursday, 4/18: Mystic Aquarium will present two workshops on Squid Dissection. Session 1 – 10:00-11:00am. Session 2 – 11:15am – 12:15pm.

All of our programs have had very good attendance. The Builders Brigade program has been expanded to two sessions a month for children of all ages starting in May. Children under age 7 need to be accompanied by an adult. We have been averaging over 60 children per program. Currently the LEGO works are displayed in the Children's Room when we receive our new shelving.

2. Funding Resources

No report.

V. Communications

None.

VI. **Report of the Chair** – Vice Chair Craig Wilson

No report. Mrs. DiPietro will return in April.

VII. **Report of the Library Director** – Ramona Burkey

See attached report.

Technology

Programs and Services

February circulation was 34,927 items. Downloadable circulation was up 11% over February 2012.

Don't miss these upcoming events (more programs, info and registration at cheshirelibrary.org):

- Movie Matinees – most Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Cheshire Cats Classics Book Club: *Candide* by Voltaire – Wed. 3/20 at 7:00 p.m.
- Author Talk: Kathy Czepiel (A Violet Season) – Thursday 3/21 at 7:00 p.m.
- Fab Film Saturdays: “The Princess Bride” – Saturday 3/23 at 2:00 p.m.
- “Ancestry.com: How to Cure a Case of Too Much Information” – Mon 3/25 at 7pm.
- “The Connecticut Wild Turkey: Restoration and Management” – Tuesday 3/26 at 7:00 p.m. (*note: no live turkeys will be present*)
- Mystery Book Club: *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler – Tues. 3/26 at 7 p.m.
- Tween Book Club – Wednesday 3/27 at 4:00 p.m. (ages 8-12)
- SAT Preparation – Thursday 3/28 at 7:00 p.m.
- Magic Show with Chick Kelman – Saturday 3/30 at 10:30 a.m.
- “Foundation Gardens: How to Design and Maintain” – Monday 4/1 at 7:00 p.m.
- Civil War Book Discussion: *March* by E.L. Doctorow – Monday 4/1 at 7:00 p.m.
- “Finding Wild Connecticut” – Wednesday 4/3 at 7:00 p.m.
- “Chocolate Wars Encore! with chocolatier Maria Brandriff” – Thurs. 4/4 at 7p.m.
- “Where to Hike in Cheshire” – Monday 4/8 at 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday Showcase: Kerry Boys Irish Trio – Sunday 4/14 at 4:00 p.m.
- and many more!

National Library Week/School Vacation Week Events (April 14-20)

- Builders Brigade (LEGO program) – Monday 4/15 at 2:00 p.m. (now for all ages)
- Library Snapshot Day – Tuesday 4/16: This event raises awareness of library activities in the state.
- National Library Workers Day – Tuesday 4/16
- Science Tellers: “Dragons and Dreams” – Tues. 4/16 at 10:30 a.m. (ages 5-12)
- Creating a Deer-Resistant Landscape – Tuesday 4/16 at 7:00 p.m.

- LED (Light-Emitting Diodes) Workshops – Wednesday 4/17 at 2:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. (for children ages 6 and up)
- Cheshire Cats Classics Book Club: *The Bell Jar* by Sylvia Plath – Wednesday 4/17 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mystic Aquarium Squid Dissection Workshops – Thursday 4/18 at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (children ages 8 and up)
- Cheshire Anime Club – Friday 4/19 at 3:00 p.m. (teens)

The recent Social Media workshop for small businesses was very popular with over 30 attendees.

The Friends of the Library will hold their next semi-annual book sale from April 25-27 in the Mary Baldwin Room. They are currently looking for a new Treasurer. If you have not renewed your membership in the Friends, now is the time to do it, as their annual membership drive is in progress.

The library will be closed on Friday, March 29 for Good Friday.

Personnel

Mary Dattilo is now the Library Technology Coordinator, and Louise LeClaire is now a Senior Library Associate. Congratulations to both ladies!

Financial

I presented the library's requested operating budget to the Town Council's Budget Committee on the evening of Wednesday, March 13. The Council will consider all departmental requests over the next few weeks and adopt a budget on Tuesday, April 9. The public budget hearing is on Tuesday, April 2. I have heard back from two members of our legislative delegation regarding the letter I wrote to them expressing my concern at the Governor's proposed cuts to the Connecticut card program, which covers a portion of the cost of providing library services to non-residents.

Buildings and Grounds

The circuit board for our elevator broke last Friday. A new part is on order; once it is replaced, the elevator will be operational again.

Policies and Planning

Meetings

I attended a monthly meeting with the Town Manager; several Library Managers meetings; a CT Library Consortium board meeting; a Town Department Heads meeting; individual meetings with library managers; Cheshire Arts Day; a Cheshire Reads: One Book, One Town meeting; a Budget Committee workshop; hosted a tour of our library's RFID system for Westport Library staff; and attended an LCI Member Council meeting.

Other

- Mrs. Darter raised concern about the state of the women's restroom this evening. Mrs. Burkey said that she would look into it.
- Cheshire Home and Garden Expo will be held on Saturday, April 13th at CHS. Board members are welcome to attend and volunteer at the Library's table. They will be giving away copies of the new *Cheshire Reads: One Book, One Town* book (Alice Bliss by Laura Harrington). The *Cheshire Reads: One Book, One Town* committee received a \$2500 grant from CT Humanities, which will be used to purchase copies of the book and pay for the costs associated with the author visit on November 7, 2013.
- If anyone would like to serve on the *Cheshire Reads – One Book, One Town* committee, please let Mrs. Burkey know.
- They are looking for a convertible car to possibly be used in the Memorial Day parade to promote the *Cheshire Reads: One Book, One Town* book.

II. Unfinished Business

Mr. Wilson confirmed that the Library Board is exchanging minutes with the Friends of the Cheshire Public Library.

Board elections will occur next month. Mrs. Nankin placed the following slate for consideration by the Board and thanked those members agreeing to be on the slate.

Chair: Carol DePietro
Vice Chair: Craig Wilson
Corresponding Secretary: Judy Knott
Treasurer: Dalena DeSena

MOTION to accept the slate as presented was moved by Alice Darter and SECONDED by Joy Hostage. Unanimous.

III. New Business

None.

IV. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn was made by Kathy Nankin and SECONDED by Joy Hostage. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board will be held on Monday, April 22, 2013, 7:00 p.m., in the Evelyn Moss Room of the Cheshire Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kirby
Recording Secretary