



**Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board**

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

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Date: October 19, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board was called to order by Carol DiPietro at 7:03 p.m. in the Evelyn Moss Room of the library.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Members present:

Carol DiPietro, Chair  
Craig Wilson, Vice Chair  
Dalena DeSena, Treasurer  
Joy Hostage  
Ramona Burkey, Library Director

Members absent:

Kathy Nankin  
Judy Knott, Corresponding Secretary  
Rob Oris, Town Council Liaison

**II. September 21, 2015 Minutes from Joint Meeting of the Library Advisory Board and the Friends of the Cheshire Public Library**

**MOTION** was made by Craig Wilson to accept the minutes from the Joint Meeting of the Library Advisory Board and the Friends of the Cheshire Public Library on September 21, 2015, as presented. **MOTION SECONDED** by Dalena DeSena. The minutes were approved with a voice vote; **VOTE**: Unanimous.

CORRECTIONS: None

**III. Treasurer's Report**

Mrs. DeSena reported the Library Board available account balance to be \$750.00.

#### IV. Reports of Committees

##### A. School-Library Partnership

No report.

#### V. Communications

Mrs. DiPietro reported that Judy Knott has resigned from the Board. She reported that there were many emails on her listserv this past month from various boards discussing how they removed board members.

Mrs. Hostage reported that she'd read about the Simsbury Library's chess club for students, and that the Hartford Courant had done a good job of listing the Cheshire Public Library's movie programs over the summer.

#### VI. Report of the Chair – Carol DiPietro, Chair

Mrs. DiPietro passed around several news clippings about various programs offered in Connecticut libraries, including the Bouncing Babies program in Cheshire. She reminded the board that the Friends of the Library book sale is this Wednesday through Sunday 10/21 through 10/25. Mrs. DiPietro, Mrs. DeSena and Mrs. Burkey will be attending the ACLB conference at the University of Hartford on November 6.

#### VII. Report of the Library Director – Ramona Burkey presented her report, which was also emailed to the Board.

##### **Technology**

We have our new telephones, and they are slated to “go live” this week.

##### **Programs and Services**

We will be closed on Wednesday 11/11 for Veterans Day. Our Sunday hours (1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) begin on November 1 and continue through March 2016. We have many programs and concerts scheduled on Sunday afternoons in the coming months.

*Selected Upcoming Events (more programs, info, exact dates and registration at [cheshirelibrary.org](http://cheshirelibrary.org)):*

- Preschool Learning Lab: Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.; ages 3-6.
- Movie Matinees: Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m.
- Tween Tuesdays (ages 7-12): Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.
- Tune Time for Tots: Wednesdays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (ages 1-2 and 2-3).
- ABC Amigos Bilingual Storytime: Fridays at 10:00 a.m. (ages 3-6)
- Yu-Gi-Oh, Teen Games, Teen Time, Anime Club: Friday afternoons at 2:30 or 3:00 p.m.

- Donuts with Grownups Storytime: Saturday 11/7 at 10:00 a.m.
- Bouncing Babies (birth to 2): Mondays at 10:00 a.m.
- “Who Was” Book Club: Wednesday 10/21 at 4:00 p.m.
- ***Friends of the Library Semi-Annual Book Sale: Wednesday 10/21 – Sunday 10/25.***
- Halloween Read-Aloud with the Future Educators of America: Thursday 10/22 at 3:30 p.m.
- “Howlariious Halloween Show with Mary Jo Maichack, Storyteller”: Monday 10/26 at 6:00 p.m.
- “Retirement Income Planning”: Tuesday 10/27 at 6:15 p.m.
- Comparative Religion Series: “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors”: Wednesday 10/28 at 6:30 p.m.
- Halloween Storytime and Parade: Thurs. 10/29 at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Anime Club Halloween Cosplay Extravaganza: Friday 10/30 at 3:00 p.m.
- Fab Films: “Home” – Saturday 10/31 at 2:00 p.m.
- “The Nutcracker” by the Brass City Ballet: Sunday 11/1 at 3:00 p.m.
- “Genetic Genealogy”: Monday 11/2 at 6:30 p.m.
- Ask A Lawyer: First Thursday of every month from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Moss Room
- Drop-In Tech Help: Monday 11/2 at 4:00 p.m.
- Cheshire Cats Classics Book Club: Monday 11/2 at 7:00 p.m.
- “Color Yourself Calm” (coloring for adults): Wednesday 11/4 at 6:00 p.m.
- “STEAM Punks: Middle School Edition”: Thursday 11/5 at 3:00 p.m.
- “Hypnosis for Stress Reduction and Relaxation”: Thursday 11/5 at 6:30 p.m.
- “It’s Time for Tea”: Saturday 11/7 at 2:00 p.m.
- “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” by Hempstead Stage: Sunday 11/8 at 2:00 p.m.
- “Long Term Care”: Tuesday 11/10 at 6:15 p.m.
- Hard Tango Chamber Band: Sunday 11/15 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Personnel**

It is with sadness that I announce that Nicole Dolat, Children’s Librarian, will be leaving us for a fulltime Children’s Librarian position at the Prosser Public Library in Bloomfield, CT. Our loss is Bloomfield’s gain, and Nicole will be greatly missed. Her last day is October 23.

### **Financial**

#### **Buildings and Grounds**

After this week’s semi-annual book sale, the Friends of the Library will be moving their book sorting area to the Upper Level, and the Children’s Librarians will move their offices to the Lower Level where the Friends formerly had their sorting area. This will be the first time in decades that all library staff offices will be on the same floor of the library.

**Policies and Planning**

I continue to solicit input about the upcoming renewal of our Strategic Plan, which expires in calendar year 2016.

**Artsplace**

**Other**

There was general discussion about library circulation and outcomes measurement.

**VIII. Unfinished Business**

None.

**IX. New Business**

Mr. Wilson read aloud his letter to Town Clerk Carolyn Soltis, in which he submitted his resignation from the Library Advisory Board, effective at the end of his term in January. He thanked the board for a wonderful and educational sixteen years, and they in turn thanked him for his wise and thoughtful service.

**X. Adjournment**

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Craig Wilson and **SECONDED** by Dalena DeSena  
**VOTE:** Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board will be held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Evelyn Moss Room at the Cheshire Public Library, 104 Main Street, Cheshire.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Burkey  
Library Director