

Willimantic Public Library Board Minutes

Date: April 26, 2011

Attendance: Judd Ayer, Chairman, Jean Jakoboski, Olga Kurnyk-Ezis, Ted Perch, Neil Mesick, Laura Lambert, Barbara Lacey

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Director's Report

1. *Security problems continue. Request sent to Town Manager for closed circuit security and motion detectors.*
2. *National Library Week. 2nd Annual Authors Read was held. Peace Flag workshop held in Children's Department.*
3. *Thanks to everyone who came to the Board of Finance hearing to speak on behalf of the library.*

Adult Services Librarian Report

1. *Food Drive for the Covenant Soup Kitchen yielded two boxes of food to be delivered next week.*
2. *Shelves are being maintained without a shelver because currently there is some flexibility with staff.*
3. *Migration of Bibliomation databases to occur on Memorial Day weekend. We will be on the new system at opening on Tuesday, May 31. Julia will be attending the semi-annual Circ meeting this Thursday at Thompson Public Library for information on any issues with this migration.*

Children's Librarian Report

1. *Summer Reading program theme is "One World, Many Stories." This is a collaborative plan with the Willimantic Public Schools.*
2. *Partnership with Windham Youth Services will continue this summer.*
3. *Linda Stein from Youth Services is running a teen pregnancy intervention program stating June 1st to continue throughout the summer. Students will visit the library weekly. Her goal is to enroll up to 50 students.*
4. *Nikki Lopez will bring a Spanish Mother Goose Time in the fall.*
5. *May 2nd, Gail will be attending the CT Library Conference in Stamford, CT.*
6. *\$500 donation enabled the purchase of a Teen Café Style table and stools and a canon digital camera.*

Friends of the Library

Ernie Eldridge and his wife will be presenting a program this Thursday on the Titanic. Gail will be doing a children's activity time in connection with the Titanic program and Windham Reads on the same evening. We have two Connecticut Author Trail programs coming up this summer. One is July and one in August. We continue to get at least \$40 per month from the book sale in the library. We are continuing to do two book discussions, one is a mystery discussion at noon once a month, and the other is in the evening, books on travel.

Old Business

Security. A positive approach to the problem was suggested. The fact that the problems have not been written in the paper was discussed. Looking at what other libraries are doing for security and what the options might be could be researched more. We are waiting to hear back from the Town on Ted's letter to the Town Manager before doing anything more.

Policies. First four pages were discussed. The Board will decide on candidates for Board offices during the May meeting and vote officers in on the June meeting.

Three Libraries. Judd would like to get the three library Boards to meet together. He will be meeting with the Chair people of the other two libraries this Thursday to decide on a date. Ideally, we would meet together 2 or 3 times a year.

New Business

We welcome two new members to the Board: Laura Lambert and Barbara Lacey. Laura suggested we do a staff appreciation event for 11 staff people. A vote will be taken during the May meeting on the exact amount and type of event that will be held.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Jean Jakoboski, 5-21-2011