

MINUTES of the meeting of THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
January 5, 2006

Attending: Chairperson Susan Story Galt, Arthur DuBois, Carol Boc, Michael Egan and Library Director Cathleen Beaudoin. Unable to attend were Arthur Corte and Assistant Director Sandra Erdmann.

The January meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dover Public Library was called to order at 1:00pm on the 5th by Chairperson Susan Galt. The minutes of the December meeting were accepted unanimously on a motion by Mr. Egan, seconded by Mrs. Boc. The Report of the Library Director for the month of December was read by Mrs. Beaudoin. The Report was accepted unanimously on a motion by Mr. DuBois, seconded by Mr. Egan.

Correspondence:

There was no correspondence for the Board.

Old Business:

Technology ---Mrs. Beaudoin reported that two new staff PCs and a new laptop would be installed shortly as part of the city's DoverNet program. Also, Mrs. Erdmann is working with a vendor to set up pre-overdue email notices for patrons and that should be available by month's end.

FY'07 Budget ---Mrs. Beaudoin has not yet submitted the library's FY'07 budget request to the City Manager. All departments are on hold awaiting some final payroll, benefit, and insurance estimates from the Finance Department. It appears that '07 may be a lean year for any increases above 3%.

New Business:

Donations ---A \$250 donation for unabridged audio books was received from Elizabeth Nordgren of Durham. Mrs. Nordgren has made this annual donation for over a decade. Mrs. Beaudoin also reported that she had just received another donation for audio books: \$1500 from the McDermott Family Trust.

Booksale in April --- Mrs. Beaudoin told the Board that, due to the volume of donated books and AV materials, the library plans to hold two booksales a year. The next one will be in late April and early May, for one week only. The Friends of the Library will work at the sale as usual.

HB 1120 in NH Legislature ---A hearing on this House Bill was to be held on January 5. The bill purports to have public libraries in NH restrict Internet access to those under age 18 to certain approved websites only. Mrs. Beaudoin will keep the Board informed as to the bill's progress.

Patriot Act update ---Mrs. Beaudoin reviewed the U.S. Congress's recent attempts to renew the USA Patriot Act. Section 215 is the controversial provision which allows federal agents to seize library records in a "terror" investigation and to issue a gag order prohibiting those so served from telling anyone about the search, nor even to seek legal counsel about complying. The Patriot Act has been given an extension until February 3 and there promises to be a battle between individuals' civil liberties versus national security.

Patron Pre-overdue Notices ---We hope to have this new service up and running by the end of January. Patrons have responded well to our email notices and we know they will love to

get notified even before their books are due and they owe money. Mrs. Beaudoin commented that although library revenues from fines will decline, this is a customer-friendly service which we are happy to offer.

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Upcoming programs---

Tues., Jan. 3: Storyhour registration day
Weds., Jan. 4: Foreign Film Night, 6:30pm (*Campfire*)
Weds., Jan. 4: Great Stone Face Reviewers' Club
Fri., Jan. 6: Music Together with "Uncle Phil", 10am
Tues., Jan. 10: Craft Club for 3rd & 4th graders, 3:45pm
Tues., Jan. 17: Anime movie showing, 3pm (*Orphen—Super Natural Powers*)
Weds., Jan. 18: "After School Wednesdays" movie, 3:45pm (*Madagascar*)
Weds., Jan. 18 : Friends' program: Diane Mrak—*The Daffodil Lady* 7pm
Sat., Jan. 21: "Saturday Matinee", 2pm (*March of the Penguins*)
Sun., Jan. 22: Library Bookclub, 3:30pm (*The Time Traveler's Wife*)
Weds., Jan. 25: Craft Club for 1st & 2nd graders, 3:45pm
Art exhibit: 3D Mixed Media by Jim Volpe
Holiday Closings: Monday, January 16---Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

Items of Concern--- Mr. Egan inquired about dropping AV materials in the library bookboxes. Mrs. Beaudoin replied that this practice is no longer prohibited, but neither is it advertised or advocated. Although we prefer people bring fragile items inside to the return counters, we understand that sometimes this is not possible. For those who inquire, we tell them to wrap their AV returns in plastic to cushion the blow and prevent breakage or cracked cases when heavier books drop on top of them.

Adjournment--- On a motion by Mr. DuBois, seconded by Mrs. Boc, the meeting adjourned at 1:35pm. Next meeting: Thursday, February 2, 2006 at 1pm.

For the Board,

Cathleen C. Beaudoin
Library Director