

MINUTES of the meeting of **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** of the **DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY**
June 1, 2006

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

Chairperson Susan Galt called the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dover Public Library to order at 1:00pm on the 1st. The minutes of the May meeting were accepted unanimously on a motion made by Mr. DuBois and seconded by Mr. Corte. Mrs. Beaudoin read the Report of the Library Director for the month of May. The Report was accepted unanimously on a motion made by Mr. Egan and seconded by Mr. Corte.

Correspondence:

The N.H. Library Trustees Association sent a notice of upcoming workshops.

Old Business:

Technology – Ms. Erdmann reported that she has learned how to set up and run new SQL reports of importance to the library. One report gives up to the minute statistics on what is checked out in each collection code. A second report gives the replacement value of items in all collections that have prices listed in their item records; 65% of the collection is worth about \$1.5 million. Ms. Erdmann presented a copy of the library's new five year technology plan which has been finalized.

McConnell Center construction/renovations— Since the driveway is ready for paving, the library bookdrops need to be removed from their present spot because of the widening of the drive. The bookdrops will be moved to a temporary "pad" built out from the existing garden area behind the monument. Patrons will be able to drive up to the bookdrop and put books in the drop from their car windows. If the experiment goes well and everyone likes it, a permanent paved "pad" will be constructed in the same place for the bookdrops.

FY'07 budget—The City Council proposed a \$25,000 cut in addition to the cuts the Manager had already made to the library budget. In lieu of closing evenings or Sundays, the Council asked Mrs. Beaudoin to determine what closing one morning a week would save. Mrs. Beaudoin prepared a handout with 3 different scenarios that would reach the \$25,000 cut.

NHSL Annual Report—The 25 page report was submitted to the state on May 22. Mrs. Beaudoin presented a copy to Board members for review if they desire.

Poetry Contest— Over 600 entries were judged in the contest and prizes were awarded at the Poetry evening on May 23. About 150 entrants attended the Awards' evening.

Friends' Spring Booksale—The mini booksale made \$2500 for the Friends of the Library, and was actually sold out before the last day of the sale.

New Business:

Marston donation--\$300 was received from Mr. Marston's son to buy materials for the Historical Room in Bob Marston's memory.

Flood damage—During the region's flood in May the Library's Historical Room developed some major leaks from the ceiling. Until the City's Fire Dept. can bring over a bucket ladder to use to determine the condition of the roof, repairs will not be made to the ceiling.

New electrical outlets—Electricians installed six new electrical outlets in the addition near each carrel for laptop users. With the advent of our wireless service, laptop users were always looking for electrical hookups. There are now about 11 outlets in that area.

New location for bookdrops—Mrs. Beaudoin reiterated the experiment with “drive up” bookdrops that she spoke about under the McConnell Center construction/renovations topic earlier in the meeting.

Library blog—Staff has developed a blog, an online journal of library news and librarians’ comments to which the public can respond. The blog is another way for the library to get its news “out there”.

Friends of the Library bookbags—New canvas book bags are available for the public to purchase for \$15 each. The bags are cream colored with dark green trim, similar to a popular LL Bean bag, and they have the new DPL logo.

Summer hours begin June 3--The library is closed on Sundays, and at 1 pm on Saturdays through Labor Day.

Upcoming programs:

Tues., June 13: Anime movie, 3:30pm (*InuYasha: Origin of the Sacred Jewel*)

Weds., June 14: Friends of the Library meeting, 1:30pm

Summer Reading Program June 26—August 15

Art exhibit: Heather Kehney, abstract paintings

Items of Concern – None

Adjournment -- The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm on a motion made by Mr. DuBois and seconded by Mr. Corte.

Next meeting date: Thursday, September 7, 2006 @ 1 PM

For the Board,

Sandra Erdmann
Assistant Library Director