

**MINUTES** of the meeting of **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES** of the **DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
April 7, 2005

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

Chairperson Susan Galt called the April meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Dover Public Library to order at 1:00 pm on the 7th. The minutes of the March meeting were accepted unanimously on a motion made by Mr. Egan and seconded by Mr. Corte. The Report of the Library Director for the month of March was accepted unanimously on a motion made by Mr. Egan and seconded by Mr. Corte.

**Correspondence:** Letters were received from the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association announcing the annual Trustees of Trust Funds Meeting, and the annual spring conference.

**Old Business:**

*Technology* --- Ms. Erdmann reported that she spent some time during the month policing the use of the Internet. Using other patrons' barcodes has become an increasing pattern by some Internet users. She has also spent some time studying the setup for using email to send notices, and that project is almost ready to be launched.

*Carnegie Building 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration*— Ms. Erdmann displayed the new book bags that the Friends of the Library will be selling in connection with the Building celebration. She also showed the beach towels that will be put into 6 of the bags to be given away as prizes for correctly answering a quiz about different facets of the library. Ms. Erdmann reported that the Canterbury Brazz Quintet has been booked for the night of the celebration, which is July 21 from 5:30-7 pm.

*FY'06 Budget*— Ms. Erdmann reported that the Acting City Manager has sent back his proposed budget to the City's Department heads. In presenting a total budget that reflects a 4.9% increase to the City Council, Mr. Joyal kept the library budget to \$1,158,081, or an 8.6% increase over last year. His proposed budget includes raising the book budget from \$80,000 to \$90,000, reinstating a position for a fourth page, and \$8800 for the conservation of 4 maps. He removed \$11,000 in computer equipment, and will ask the library to raise fines from 20 cents a day per item to 25 cents.

**New Business:**

*ALA policy* – Guidelines for developing policies regarding user behavior and library usage were passed out to Board members to look over and bring back to the next meeting for possible endorsement.

*Dover Rotary Dancing Bears project*—the Rotary Club, from July 15 – Sept. 15, will place lifesize bears, painted and decorated by artists, in various Dover locations. The Library has been chosen to receive a bear painted by Tomie DePaola, and will be decorated as Ursa Major.

**Upcoming special programs:**

Weds., April 6: Great Stone Face Book Reviewers Club, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 2:45pm

Weds., April 6: Foreign Film Series "*El Bola*", 6:30pm

National Library Week special events:

- Tues., April 12: Friends of the Library Open House, 9am to 8:30pm  
Tues., April 12: Seacoast Jazz Society lecture: *Miles Davis: The Existential Sound* by Peter Bodge, 7:30pm  
Weds., April 13: *The Wild, Wild Web: Staying Safe Online* with author J.A. Hitchcock, 7pm  
Fri., April 15: Dover Historical Society lecture: *The Fire at Cocheco Mill #1* by Mark Leno, 7pm  
All week long: Literary quizzes to win a prize; make a Ladybug Bookmark in the Children's Room  
  
Weds., April 13: Craft Club for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders, Children's Room, 3:45pm  
Sun., April 17: Bookclub discussion: *Story of Lucy Gault* by William Trevor, 3:30pm  
Mon., April 18: Registration for Story Hour  
Tues., April 19: YA anime film: *Inu Yasha: Deadly Liaisons*, 3pm  
Weds., April 20: Friends program---*Unlock the Language of Your Dreams* with Dr. Judith Scharff, 7pm

School Vacation Week special events:

- Mon., April 25: Parade Hill Music---Community Music Class, 11am  
Tues., April 26: CSI @ DPL---Dover PD Forensics unit and crime scene van, 3pm  
Weds., April 27: Kid Flicks, 11am  
Weds., April 27: Craft Club for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, Children's Room, 3:45pm  
Thu., April 28: Dover Police Dept. K-9 demo with Norm the Drug Dog, 3pm

April art exhibits: watercolors by Carole Evans and Ann Barbi's collection of boxes from around the world

**Items of Concern** – Mr. Egan expressed concern about the City mandating a fine increase and whether the raise is negotiable.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 after a motion was made by Mr. Corte and seconded by Mr. Egan.

**Next meeting date: Thursday, May 5, 2005 @ 1 PM**

For the Board,

Sandra Erdmann,  
Assistant Director