

Hudson Public Library
Board of Library Trustees Minutes
November 16, 2023 at 4:30 PM

Present: Tom Desmond, Mary McCormack, Chris Capobianco, Aileen Sanchez-Himes, and Lisa Aucoin
Meeting called to order at 4:42 PM.

MINUTES: October 19, 2023 minutes reviewed and approved. *Motion to accept by Mr. Capobianco seconded by Ms. McCormack.*

REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

Communications & Publicity - The Trustees viewed social media images of youth and adult events that occurred in October and printed materials of November's youth services event calendar and Reading Challenge.

Expenditures - The Trustees reviewed the monthly expenses. No fiscal concerns to report.

Statistics - October statistics were reviewed. Database usage has decreased.

Friends of the Hudson Public Library - The Friends are scheduled to meet next Tuesday. The Book & Bake Sale raised \$4,500.

Director's Report - Budget: The Town received the Library's FY25 budget proposal, including a request for temporary summer help. The Library's Capital Request included the \$150,000 request for the Design Phase of the MPLCP grant requirement. Personnel: The Youth Services Librarian position is posted and interviews are in progress. Library Services: Staff are adding materials in Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish are being added to the collection for patron access and ordering additional copies of popular adult books. The Library will soon receive some new and replacement seating for the Children's and Teen Rooms as well Makerspace furniture. Programs & Outreach: Fifty participants attended the Portuguese Storytime. Sixty-two participants attended the annual costume parade. Library staff greeted 2,600 visitors for Downtown Trick or Treat. The Library is offering a new book club. The adult department welcomed local author, Ali Hosseini. The Library will host a Multilingual Pajama Literacy Night presented by representatives of Hudson schools at the end of the month. Library Operations: Nancy will become the liaison to the Friends' meetings. The new CD shelving has arrived and the collection will relocate to the end of the audiobook collection. The EC collection will move to the preschool area to increase visibility and browsing. Preparation for One Book, One Hudson continues. Building Maintenance: The building is open and functioning.

OLD BUSINESS

Library administration will research data and statistics that are essential to the required components regarding the library construction grant application and process.

NEW BUSINESS

The Library's FY25 budget request is scheduled for Select Board consideration and approval on 1/22/24, followed by a meeting with the Finance Committee in the spring.

The Library is unable to participate in the Holiday Stroll this year, but plans to in 2024.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is on December 21, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Aucoin