

Abbott Memorial Library
Board of Trustees Minutes
November 18, 2024

The November 18th meeting took place in person at the library and began at 7:10pm

Present: Cory Smith, Jim Robinson, Betsy Rhodes, Mary Worrell, and Cara DeFoor & Jocelyn Randles

The agenda was reviewed and adopted.

The Oct 21st Minutes were reviewed and adopted.

Reports

Cory Smith (Librarian)

- The board discussed possible public safety revisions to procedures. The trustees have agreed to research how other public libraries respond to various disruptive/inappropriate behaviors or perceived threats.
- Liz has graciously continued to do a great job facilitating story time
- Drop-in Halloween events were attended on Sat the 26th, Tues the 29th, and Thurs the 31st. Ten kids and 13 adults attended during the three days.
- Book group convened on Oct 29th Tuesday with 10 people in attendance, including three library representatives (Jenny, Cory and Jocelyn). The second session for the book club was held on Wed Oct 30th and was attended by 7 participants including two library representatives (Cory and Jocelyn).
- The upcoming book group meetings will be held on Nov 3rd and 4th with discussions focusing on the VT Reads book, Gather, by Kenneth M. Cadow. The author has been scheduled to speak at The Norman Williams Library in Woodstock as well as The Woodstock High School.
- Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt will be discussed on Jan 8th and The Book Thief by Markus Zusak has been scheduled for discussion on Tues. Jan 14th. Cory will order extra copies of both texts.
- The puppet Show at the Town Hall on Sat Nov 2nd was a great success with 100 attendees and fun for all.
- Craft bags continue to be available on the front porch and a craft project is being offered at the kids' table.
- The Yarn & Thread Fiber group has been meeting on the third Tuesday of each month and the next session will be held on Nov 19th from 2-4pm.
- Lantern walk will be on Thurs Dec 5th between 4-5pm. Kits may be picked up from the porch and made at home or bring your own from home.
- Cory is working on the state public library report.
- The library will offer a charades event to be held on Dec 19th at 6:30pm. Board member set-up to start at 6pm.
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Betsy Rhodes (Building and Grounds)

- The parking area project is completed for the season except for the need of snow stakes which will be installed before the end of next week.
- The Knox Box has been ordered and the total cost including shipping is \$561. It is custom made to our fire department specs and estimated to arrive in about three or so weeks.

Mary Worrell (Chair)

- Annual Report Discussion/Work group.

Mary Worrell (Treasurer)

- Discussion of Asset Report and Treasurers' Report.
- The Appropriation Request has been submitted to the Selectboard.

Jocelyn Randles (Development):

- The annual appeal letters have been written and mailed :)

New Programming Ideas:

- Discussion of the possibility of offering a puppet making workshop.

Next meeting will be at the library on Dec 16, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55

Respectfully Submitted by

Cara DeFoor, Secretary