



Town of Ashland

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Board of Library Trustees

Minutes

10/18/2016 7:00 PM

Minutes of October 18, 2016

Meeting of the Trustees of the Ashland Public Library
Cheever Room, Ashland Public Library

Present: Carol Ambacher, Carolyn Bell, Lornie Bullerwell, Bonnie Mitchell, Kab Rabinowitz,
Library Director Paula Bonetti, Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe, Selectman Steve Mitchell.

Called to order: 7:00 P.M.

Selectman Mitchell discussed the Mystery Weekend in April, 2017 with the sponsorship of the Ashland Alliance and the Friends of the APL. It will be held Friday and Saturday with a Writers' Workshop and a Panel Discussion. He would like the Friday Night Films to show a mystery filmed in Boston/New England. This is the only event that allows for the selling of books so that the authors may autograph books. The trustees voted to approve this exception to the library's policy. Lunch will be served to participants of the writers' workshop and refreshments at the other events. People will have to register to participate in the workshop.

Bonnie Mitchell asked for support for a children's literature festival. It would be small at first. She is familiar with Framingham State University's children's book festival attended largely by professionals who work with children; the library's festival would be geared to families. There would be activities to engage all ages, such as storytellers, crafts, signings, food trucks, and songs. She plans to talk to the Ashland Cultural Council and to research grants. She is familiar with authors and illustrators. The projected date is spring, 2018. The trustees encouraged Bonnie to pursue the festival and volunteered to help.

The minutes of September 2016 were accepted.

Paula researched the ownership of any property that the library acquired and found that all belongs to the town.

Members of the Donor Committee Carolyn Bell and Barbara Maguire met with the sculptors of a projected "Charlotte's Web" installation and decided not to continue because the cost was much more than they expected. They will continue to decide on a table and benches for the area behind the children's room and another by the side entrance.



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FY18 Budget Options. The trustees were asked to decide--if money became available--whether to open on Monday, hire a part-time custodian to allow for evening meetings for town groups, or both. The trustees wanted to pursue both options for their value to the community.

The trustees discussed once again the need for a lit-up sign for the crossing in front of the library. Lornie agreed to continue to keep the request active by speaking again with the Town Manager and the Department of Public Works.

Paula has recommended Katy Landry to the 5-hour page position after interviewing and testing. Katy has volunteered at the library at least a year and provided recommendations and a resume. The trustees voted to approve and then Greg Enos of Human Resources and the Selectmen must approve.

The trustees approved Paula's selection of Lucie Carley from the Whitinsville Library to the Library Assistant's position. In case Lucie does not accept the position, a second applicant was approved also by the trustees so that the position may be filled as soon as possible.

The next exhibition will be pottery on the upstairs level. The potter asked if refreshments could be offered upstairs for the opening reception; the trustees voted to maintain the library policy of having food only downstairs.

Trustees reviewed the gift and art policies.

The Friends' Fun Run was successful and well attended.

The next book sale will be December 3.

Statistics: The circulation for September: 11,190. YTD: 40,608 (up 5,696 items from FY16).
Self-checkout for September: 170.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

The next meeting will be November 15, 2016.