

**Hudson Public Library**  
**Board of Library Trustees Minutes**  
**January 18, 2024 at 4:30 PM**

Present: Tom Desmond, Mary McCormack, Aileen Sanchez-Himes, and Lisa Aucoin

Meeting called to order at 4:40 PM.

**MINUTES:** December 21, 2023 minutes reviewed and unanimously accepted.

**REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS**

Communications & Publicity - The Trustees received BookPage's January publication and images of programs in the Adult and Youth Services Department. The success of the Noon Year's Eve Party was noted. The Library ordered a logo-bearing- canopy, tablecloth, and wagon. The Trustees suggested inviting the Select Board to the Library Building Project Community Forum.

Expenditures - Budget expenditures are on target with approximately half remaining in general expenses and in personnel.

Statistics - Circulations are up, overall, from last year as well as from last month.

Friends of the Hudson Public Library - The Friends voted to spend \$739 on One Book, One Hudson programs. They voted to spend \$6962 on new AWE computers. They approved the renewal of several museum passes. They decided to accept discarded library comic books.

Director's Report - Budget: All awarded ARPA funds have been expended or committed. The Select Board approved the purchase of new end panels on the main floor. The fee for digitizing 50 rolls of the Hudson Sun was \$9935.00

Personnel: The new Youth Services Librarian is transitioning well. In addition to hiring performers, staff will lead in-house programs. The library workshops at the Senior Center are going well and will continue.

Library Services: Public color printing is now available.

Programs & Outreach: Library programs are primarily One Book, One Hudson programs, with the exception of regularly scheduled programs. A drop-in playgroup is in development.

Library Operations: Children's collection updates include consolidating juvenile fiction as well as moving the juvenile series and Educators and Caregivers collections. The adult nonfiction collection has been weeded and shifted. The movie collection will be shifted to improve browsing and access.

Building Maintenance: An electrical outlet was upgraded in the network closet to support the new UPS. The main floor shelving units were measured for new end panels.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

One Book, One Hudson is going well.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Library will use Beanstack software to support the Summer Experience over the next three years. Beanstack is compatible with both the CSLP and iRead summer reading programs. It is badge-based and allows for online tracking of both reading and activities.

The flyers for the Community Forums are complete.

The Library administration will need Library Building Committee Recommendations from the Trustees. We will see how committees are established and learn about specific committee member roles.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

There will be a meeting in February.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is on 2/15/24 at 4:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Lisa Aucoin