

## Wells Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2022

**Present:** Cindy Appleby (Director), Peter Masucci, Maureen Connors, Alice Schleiderer, Amy Anderson, Dean Robinson, Elise LaPlante

**Absent:** Debra Flot, Deb LaPointe, Jim Purdy.

Call to order by Maureen, president, at 6pm.

**Correspondence and Communication:** None received.

**Minutes of 7/13/22:** Peter made a motion to approve minutes as written, Amy seconded, motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** No big changes from last month. Dean made a motion to approve, Amy seconded, motion carried.

**Director's Report:** Cindy gave an update on services being provided for both youth and adult services. Very busy summer at the library. Youth programs have been very well attended. Adult programs are growing as well, and several groups have moved to meeting in the community room for more space. Cindy and Allison conducted interviews for the YS assistant vacancy.

### Committee Reports:

- Friends of the Library: No meeting this month.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

- New Town Manager: Mike Pardue, starting in November.
- New YS Assistant hired is Kayla Sawyer, starting August 16.
- Summer reading update: great turnout for all programs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20

Next meeting is September 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise LaPlante



**WELLS PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**July MONTHLY REPORT**  
**Prepared for the August 10th Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Youth Services:**

- We presented Mother Goose Storytime twice. We had a total audience of 51.
- We held four Books at the Beach story times. We presented to 205 people.
- Crafty Kids met 4 times with 189 participants total.
- 1 teen and 2 of her grown-ups came to the Needle Felting program on July 6.
- 57 people came to see Bryson Lang perform.
- Ben Pernick performed Music and Movement over Zoom to a total of 26 attendees on July 14.
- We showed a movie for teens on July 14, with 2 coming to watch.
- Earth Jams performed outside to a crowd of 46 on July 18.
- Our annual Pet Show was broadcast July 20 on Facebook for all to see. By the end of July, it had 142 views.
- Allison and Sally went to Scoop Deck for a storytime on July 21, presenting to 26 people.
- On July 26 magician BJ Hickman drew a crowd of 98.
- WES Summer Academy came to the library to get cards and for a storytime on July 28. This year there were 48 students and teachers in attendance.

**Adult Services:**

- The Fiber Arts group met five times in July with a total of 47 attendees.
- French Club met four times in July with a total of 17 attendees. The group has decided to take a hiatus for the month of August and will resume on September 8th.
- The Nonfiction Book Club met in July to discuss *Nothing to Envy* by Barbara Demick and had 4 attendees.
- July 6<sup>th</sup> was a Needlefelting Crafternoon where there were 20 attendees. Allison and Emma did an amazing job covering for me as I was unfortunately out unexpectedly.
- July 12<sup>th</sup> was a virtual presentation from the Maine State Museum about Landing the Lobster and Sustainable Lobstering in Maine. There were 7 total attendees with some in person and some virtual.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> was Music and Trivia with Ben Pernick and we had 6 attendees. The program ended up being a virtual one with attendees in the library which was not what was expected but worked okay.

**Building:**

- None

**Budget:**

- The EV chargers made \$235.45 in July...more than the entire previous year! Usage is definitely increasing.

**Donations:**

- Jeanette Bahre: \$15 for children's materials
- William Fitzgerald: \$25, no restrictions
- Miscellaneous donations: \$28, no restrictions

**Policy:**

- None

**Staff:**

- Cindy attended a webinar on post-pandemic practices.

- Sarah attended the quarterly Minerva Circulation Round Table
- Cindy and Allison conducted interviews for the YS assistant vacancy

**Technology:**

- Monitor replaced at public station 6.

**Other:**

- Circulation: 8607 (586 Cloud Library, 62 Kanopy)
- Door Count: 5707
- Summer Reading signups so far: Children - 301, Teens - 119, Adults – 150

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Appleby  
Library Director