

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BERKLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY MINUTES**

February 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. In attendance were Chairperson Carla Ross-Lyman, Trustee Paula Dugan, Trustee Megan Silva, and Library Director Carol Buote. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 7:00 PM. Two bills were signed.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2022 were read and approved as amended.

## **CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Erica Grady submitted a report from January 11, 2022 - February 8, 2022:

There were roughly 127 visitors to the Children's Room with 21 crafts onsite and 6 sent home.

There was 1 volunteer this month. A VolunTEENS program started inviting local teens grades 9-12 to volunteer for the library while earning their community service hours.

The StoryWalk posts are still up due to the frozen ground.

A poetry walk in the spring is being considered.

A Children's Room newsletter has gone out and is reaching 70 people.

The Winter Reading Program continues through February 11th. There have been 31 participants. Programs in the works included after school programs, Earth Day event, Dighton Rock collaboration, Old Colony Museum program, 3D printing, Trivia event, and Summer Reading program and kickoff event.

There has been an increase of visitors in the latest SAILS report and shows that the Juvenile circulation is up from 596 in November and 580 in December to 742 in January.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Carol Buote submitted and read a report for the past month.

Erica Grady is now in the Children's Librarian position and the Circulation position has been offered.

The Book Club meeting was held on February 3rd with 8 attendees and discussed *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins. For the March meeting, *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren will be read and discussed.

Knot Just Knitting group met on January 12th with 3 attendees and January 20th with 6 attendees. A Virtual Trivia event was held on January 22nd with 35 attendees. The next Virtual Trivia will be February 19th.

Comcast replaced the SAILS modem on January 31st.

New nonfiction has been ordered with the Bristol Wealth Group donation.

The Old Colony History Museum's pass has been purchased. There is no intention to purchase the Plymouth Patuxet pass again but will be looking into the Edaville pass.

A breakdown of passes and costs per year was given.

A Year in Review infographic was reviewed and posted on social media.

FAC 5 Year Capital need requests were discussed.

It was suggested to have SAILS purge any bills for Berkley patrons over 5 years old. Library Trustees agreed.

## **FRIEND'S REPORT**

None

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of budget for FY23

The Library Trustees reviewed and discussed the budget for FY23. Votes will be taken next meeting.

b. Discussion regarding possible future programs at Dighton Rock State Park

Nancy Possinger has been in contact with Erica Grady regarding a collaboration. The program would be the 2nd Saturday of each month, skipping the month of August. It is being advertised by the Berkley Library and by Dighton Rock State Park.

#### BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

None

#### PUBLIC INPUT

None

#### CORRESPONDENCE

\$100 was given in honor of Marge Ghilarducchi to the Brain Tumor Society. Cris Ghilarducchi sent his thanks.

#### ADJOURN

Megan Silva made a motion to go into Executive Session and not to return to regular session under MGL 3CA Sec 21§ (a) 2, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel; Library Director; review of matter, votes may be taken, seconded by Paula Dugan and carried to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

VOTE:	Carla Ross-Lyman	AYE
	Megan Silva	AYE
	Paula Dugan	AYE

The next meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

March 8, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chloe DeFaria, Secretary