

MN Spear Memorial Library Trustee Minutes 3/21/16

Present: Library Director - Mary Anne Antonellis, Chairs –Molly Moss, Kate Cell
Secretary - Michele Cunningham , Gail Fleischaker, Dale Houle,
Absent - Michele Regan-Ladd

- Minutes from 2/22/16 approved unanimously as amended. Michele will send to Gail to post.
- Science Literacy Survey Questions: Mary Anne shared science question and we decided to add them to the survey. We also plan to ask these questions at the end of the grant to assess the program.
- Ice Cream Social – Friday, June 17, 6:00 in conjunction with the Pop up Playground who will provide activities for the kids. All trustees who can will come to assist.
- Brad Foster will run for the upcoming election for the empty Library Trustee seat. No one has taken out papers for Select Board.
- Town Meeting: We began our discussion on preparing for the annual Town Meeting on May 7th. Preliminary ideas include of talking about STEM, Strategic planning, honor the work of Mary Anne as Director. We will clear the agenda for our May 2, 2016 meeting to prepare and get clear on our message.
- Our May 16, 2016 meeting will be held at Town Hall at 7:00 – 8:30. Trustees will conduct a community Focus Group and bring snacks to share.
- Mary Anne will attend the Mass Library Strategic Planning Meeting.
- Molly attended and spoke highly of the Legislative breakfast held in Sunderland on Friday, March 18th. The breakfast was well attended and included Stan Rosenberg, Steve Kulik and Ellen Story, evidence that our Western MA Representatives support libraries and know about their importance to our communities.
- Discussed Perpetual Calendar items.
- Looking forward to Spring Spruce Ups and Valley Gives.
- June Meeting will discuss Director Goals.
- Next Meeting May 2, 2016, 7:30 - Dale Will Post

Agenda

Message Box for Town Meeting

Focus group details

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Michele Cunningham, Trustee Secretary

Director's Report

M.N. Spear Memorial Library - 10 Cooleyville Road - Shutesbury, MA 01072

March 17, 2016

Director Notes

- Circulation of physical items at the library (and renewals) July 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 was 20,278 items. During the same time period last year circulation was slightly higher – 20,559.
- Circulation of digital items via Overdrive during the same time period this year was 1,566 items compared to 904 last year. I am not surprised to see an increase in circulation of digital items as the system has gotten easier to use and more patrons have compatible devices.
- It is official – the Friends' New Library Account is now \$1,104 richer, thanks to everyone who voted for us in the Florence Bank Customer's Choice Community Grants.

Thank you to Molly and Janis Gray for accepting the gift on behalf of the Friends.



- The Friends are in the midst of organizing the annual Spring Spruce Ups fundraiser for the New Library Fund. Volunteers are needed to join SSU teams on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings at 9 am between April 7th and May 14th. We have several volunteers who contribute six or more shifts and several volunteers who contribute one shift.
- Our anonymous donor, who offered a \$2,500 challenge gift for Valley Gives in December 2015 has generously offered the same gift for Valley Gives which will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd.

- 30 people attended the slide show and talk about Quabbin offered by local naturalist, Dale Monette.

Dale shared this photo of a duck



tangled in monofilament line.