

Provincetown Public Library Board of Library Trustees
IN-PERSON Meeting in the Bowsprit Room
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 Meeting

Present: Stephen Borkowski, Steve Desroches, Laurel Guadazno, Joan Prugh, Paul Richardson & Amy Raff, Library Director

1. Meeting called to order at 6:04pm.
2. Approval of minutes from May Meeting: Stephen Borkowski moved, Joan Prugh second at approve minutes from previous meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Director's Report: Previously submitted by email and included here.

Director's Report June 16, 2021
Board of Library Trustees IN PERSON Meeting

Online

Instagram followers 1,812 (up from 1,765); PPL FB followers 2,202 (up from 2,194); 2021 Reading Challenge FB members 88; Crop Swap FB followers 521 (up from 509)

Programming 05/20/21-06/15/21

Alfred Hitchcock Film Series: 32
Reading Challenge: 13
Reading Group: 10
Alice's Ordinary People: 7
Wildlife and Biodiversity on Cape Cod with Zac Mertz, director of the Cape Cod Wildlife Center: 11
Black Trans Lives Matter: 2

Meetings/Webinars for May-June

Weekly Town Staff Mtg; Library Staff Mtg; Meeting Needs Group; Meeting with Town Manager; Social Alchemy Pod x 2; Off-site Tech Help; CLAMS Board Mtg; CLAMS Membership Mtg; CLAMS Annual Meeting; Website Meeting x2; Friends Meeting x2; Crop Swap x4; MBLC Hotspot Program Zoom Meeting

Staff Updates:

- With the reopening of the building to the public, Brittany worked to reorganize the DVD section, book sale, and other areas that needed to be rearranged.
- Brittany has been updating the Library's Mailchimp and new website with new staff recommendations, "themed" book lists, and the ever-popular Photo and a Poem.
- The Provincetown Public Library, along with Hyannis, Provincetown, Yarmouth, Yarmouth Port, Cotuit, Vineyard Haven, Whelden, and Mashpee libraries collaborated to cosponsor a Cape Cod Wildlife zoom event on wildlife and biodiversity on Cape Cod.
- Amy was elected to position of secretary to the CLAMS Board.

- The Library reopened to the public on June 1 for limited hours. Since then, over 3,000 people have entered the building.
- The Friends of the Library installed a third Little Free Library at the school. It is stocked primarily with books for younger readers.
- The Library will receive 15 free hotspots through a program that MBLC, using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), has created to help enable every member of a community to access to the internet.
- Plans for the September 17 - 19 Book Festival are going well. We have a strong, 10-person Festival Advisory Committee, which has had one email "meeting." Thanks to Ken Fulk, we will be able to accommodate some authors at the Mary Heaton Vorse house. Cape Air has donated their usual 4 round-trip comps, Boston-Providence. We have begun inviting speakers.
- Post Covid, we have resumed developing and organizing the Archives, with help from our own Steve Desroches, volunteer Marian Roth and retired/volunteer archivist Stephen Nonack.
- The Library will have a greeter at the Commercial Street door on Fridays and Saturdays as part of the Town's "Ambassador" program.

4. Old Business: Nothing to report

5. New Business:

Trustee goals for the upcoming year: Provincetown Menu Project, save Banner history, engrave history of Library on Commercial Street stairs leading to building, reopen interior wooden stairs, Provincetown Bibliography, actively seek Provincetown material for archive.

August Meeting: Trustees agreed to meet the fourth rather than the third Wednesday in August.

6. Adjournment of Meeting: Steve Desroches moved, Joan Prugh second to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm

Minutes submitted by,
Amy Raff, Library Director