



Provincetown Public Library Board of Library Trustees  
Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2021 at 6pm ZOOM Meeting

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

1. Call meeting to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Desroches at 6:02pm.
2. Approval of minutes from June Meeting: P. Richardson moved, Joan Prugh second to approve minutes from previous meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Director’s Report: Previously distributed by email and included here.

**Director’s Report July 28, 2021**

**Online**

Instagram followers 1,834 (up from 1,812); PPL FB followers 2,215 (up from 2,202); 2021 Reading Challenge FB members 88; Crop Swap FB followers 539 (up from 521)

**Programming 06/17/21-07/19/21**

Alfred Hitchcock Film Series: 59
Reading Challenge: 12
Reading Group: 10
Queering & Querying: 77
Proust Bday Party: 25
Randi Triant & Sarah Ann Johnson Reading: 22

**Meetings/Webinars for May-June**

Weekly Town Staff Mtg; Library Staff Mtg; CLAMS Board Mtg; Website Meeting x2; Friends Meeting

**Staff Updates**

*Reopening Report:* While our people counter is out for service, I am happy to report Paul/The Pink Lady (our greeter) distributed 500 pink hearts to visitors on Saturday. Given the joint meeting with the Select Board and Board of Health this morning and the recently issued “advisory” I am waiting for additional clarity and how this may or may not affect the library’s further reopening plans. I will have more to report when we meet.

*Provincetown Book Festival Updates:* On September 1<sup>st</sup> we will decide if the Festival will be in-person, hybrid, or virtual. Robert Jones, Jr., acclaimed author of the historical novel, *The Prophets*, Paul Lisicky, author of the Provincetown memoir *Later: My Life at the Edge of the World*, and novelist Francine Prose, author of twenty novels including her most recent, *The Vixen*, will appear live and in person at the fifth Provincetown Book Festival, a weekend of literary events for readers, writers, and book lovers of all kinds. The Provincetown Book Festival takes place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 17 - 19, 2021. All events are free and open to the public. All events are held at the Provincetown Public Library. The Provincetown Book Festival opens on Friday night, September 17, with a reading and reception for the recipient of the Rose Dorothea Award, given annually by the Board of Library Trustees to a person with a strong connection to the Outer Cape who has made a significant contribution through the written word. The 2021 recipient is performance artist and



writer Karen Finley. Other featured authors include poet January Gill O'Neil and Boston poet laureate Porsha Olayiwola. They will be joined by novelists Joshua Henkin, author of *Washington Heights*, Mona Awad, author of *All's Well*, and Heidi Pitlor, author of *Impersonation*. Historian Kerri Greenidge, author of *Black Radical: The Life and Times of William Monroe Trotter*, novelist and essayist Aminatta Forna, author of the essay collection, *The Window Seat*, and poet Rajiv Mohabir, author of the new memoir, *Antiman*, will also appear at the Festival. Among the featured non-fiction authors are Aaron Lecklider, author of *Love's Next Meeting: the Forgotten History of Homosexuality and the Left in American Culture*; Jennifer De Leon, author of the essay collection, *White Space: Essays on Culture, Race, and Writing*; and Maya Shanbhag Lang, author of the recent memoir, *What We Carry*. Two more novelists - Hanna Halperin, author of the debut novel *Something Wild* and Lynne Hugo, author of *The Book of Carol Sue* - round out the program. On Saturday and Sunday, there will be a giant used book sale on the Provincetown Library lawn. On Saturday, September 18, at 9:00 a.m., a number of local writers will read from their work in "Reading Local," a special program curated by a "mystery judge" who is a published author. More information about the program and the authors is being added daily to the Festival website, [provincetownbookfestival.org](http://provincetownbookfestival.org).

*Space Use Study*: Please see attached report. During the month of August and month February staff gathers data on how the building is used three times a day (twice on the weekends). While there is nothing surprising in the report it is valuable in that it confirms an anecdotal understanding of how the building is used. The Space Use Study will be conducted in August 2x a day & once on Saturdays.

4. Old Business: BoLT Bylaws were distributed at the beginning of fiscal year. Please review and be ready to discuss at the September meeting.
5. New Business: Chair Desroches will contact David Dunlap to discuss acquire Advocate and Banner archive
6. Announcement of next meeting: Next Meeting - Wednesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 6pm via Zoom
7. Adjournment of meeting: P.Richardson moved, J. Prugh second to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm.

Submitted by,  
Amy Raff, Library Director