

Freeport Community Library
10 Library Drive
Freeport, ME 04032

May 2, 2022
Library Meeting Room
6:00 PM

Courtney Sparks – Library Director
Kim Swett – Library Board Chairperson
Mary Gallie – Library Board Vice Chairperson
Jennifer Jeffrey – Library Board Secretary

Present: Courtney Sparks, Kim Swett, Mary Gallie, Darryl Uy, Andrew McDonnell, Kathryn Majcher, Jennifer Jeffrey
Absent: Leslie Hallock, Sally Martin

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm

A. Approval of April 2022 minutes - approved

B. Director's Report

- The library is mostly back to normal (7k circulations) since the pandemic and the Interlibrary loan program is strong.
- Meeting rooms and sun porch usage is also going back to normal levels.
- There have been 36 new library cards issued this month.
- The library has been working on outreach cards with Freeport Community Services (working with new Mainers), Wolfe's Neck Farm, etc.
- In July, there will be a book drive for kid's picture books to help new Mainers.
- The security cameras have become obsolete now so they will use Bartol Trust for new purchases. It will keep 24 hours of recordings.
- Courtney recently met with the Friends of the Library board, with the focus on a book sale in September (Thursday – Sunday). More details to come.
- Staff have been very busy planning summer reading programs (adults, kids).
- Storytime started today.
- A home delivery program is possibly going to be rolled out. Meghan will go with the Freeport Community Services staff to deliver books/resources to senior citizens/assisted living facilities.

C. Patron survey results review

- Some people have responded that hours aren't convenient. Courtney is thinking about options although she noted that attendance is very low after 5pm.
- Interesting results:
 - o 29% of people viewed the monthly art exhibits

- 67% don't use library computers
- The Board is thinking about helping to update the sunroom (paint, art, etc).
- A number of people wanted a coffee shop in the library. One thought is to have a Keurig with cream on Fridays. The Board to research the cost/time commitment.
- The results show the request for more e-books. Courtney said they are very expensive but she is talking to some contacts about it. She also thought about trying out Flipster (e-news magazine).
- There is a need for programs geared toward older adults. There has been poor attendance at Zoom programs so the library has stopped those. Some suggestions for programs: author talks, armchair travels, etc. The spice club is very popular. The library is trying to have one in-person event and one grab-and-go program each month going forward. There will also be a drop-in tech time.

Take away's from Survey: Board members should think about projects to work on based off results. Sub-committees will be set up accordingly (coffee, sunroom updates, signage, programming ideas, etc.)

D. Open Discussion

- Reminder that next month's meeting is the last before summer break
- No other business

E. Adjourned at 7 :00pm