

Manchester Library Board

Meeting Minutes January 30, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Miriam Byroade

Members Present: Miriam Byroade, David Austin, Karl Hasel, Sally Nyhan, Jessica Scorso, Mary Fischer, Grace Cedrone and Norman DeLaura II

Also Present: Doug McDonough, Norma Nevers, Dede Moore and Jessica Sweetland

Member Absent: Mary Jane Pazda

Secretary: Grace Cedrone

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes from the November 14, 2016 Meeting were adopted with the spelling correction of 'Byroade.'

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Librarians Report: RFID (Radio Frequency ID System) tags are now being added to all new materials which will allow future opportunities to increase efficiency.

Some very successful programs have taken place such as "Cut the Cord" which was very well attended. Programs for families have included visits from favorite storybook characters like Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Although circulation of materials is down throughout the state, Manchester continues to remain one of the busiest libraries in Connecticut.

Future Programs include teaming up with Manchester Elementary Schools' Family Resource Center to promote reading programs as well as a "Pop Up" store with Manchester's Silk City Coffee Shop combined with Board Game group activities. "Extreme Couponing 101" will also be offered.

On Saturday February 25 the Friends of the Library will hold a Winter Book Sale from 9am-1pm.

On Saturday February 11, a Educational Opportunities program at MHS will include a public library table to help educate young people on the importance of reading and to promote having a Library Card. Free copies of Harold and the Purple Crayon will be given away, made available from an anonymous donor to the CT State Library.

Old Business: None

New Business: Librarian Jessica Sweetland gave a presentation of two new products available, "Hoopla" with e-content materials and the "Lynda" educational learning database. Many of the Hoopla ebook and audio products can be downloaded then read off-line, with no internet connection needed. So far 284 users have registered for these apps in the several weeks that we have had them available for the public.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:12pm by Miriam Byroade

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Cedrone