

Manchester Library Board

Meeting Minutes May 8, 2017

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

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

Also Present: Doug McDonough, Norma Nevers and Dede Moore

Members Absent: None

Secretary: Grace Cedrone

Minutes from the March 20, 2017 Meeting were Accepted with 2 spelling corrections

Public Comment: None

Librarians Report: The Town-wide Summer Reading Program theme will be: Build a Better World. This will be for Adults, Teens and Children alike and will run from June 19, 2017 to August 26, 2017. Again, there will be T-Shirts and prizes for all readers, as well as Adult Programs at the "New Whiton Auditorium." Also back will be the "reviews" feature-so popular in the past. On August 21st, there will be programs including a solar eclipse viewing party complete with special sunglasses.

Doug states that book loans have been good and fairly steady with the only significant declines being with DVDs and Music CDs. Nearby, other libraries are seeing similar things. The loaning of 'e-materials' (ebooks, e-audios, etc) continues to make up about 5% of total monthly loans.

New Business: Doug will be putting together a list of possible Whiton Capital expenditures to present to the Board at the next meeting, including a new sign out near the street. All are in agreement that this is a good idea --"finishing touches", so to speak. Another possible purchase would be Whiton RFID equipment and tags, a microchip like device allowing patrons to check out their own materials, monitor books and best of all not replacing our human hands!

Old Business and New Business: None

The date of the next Meeting has been changed from June 19 to June 12, 2017 and will take place at Whiton's auditorium (100 North Main St) at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned by Miriam Byroade at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Cedrone