

North Manchester Public Library Board of Trustees

April 20th, 2023 @ 6:30pm in the Blocher Room

Present: Mike Leckrone, Diane Randall, Heather Winger, Jeanna Hann, Kevin Walter, Kathy Garber, Eileen Sklar, Tim Brauch

Absent: Vicki Smith

Other:

- I. Call to Order - Eileen called the meeting to order at 6:27pm.
- II. Adoption of Agenda - Motion to approve by Heather, seconded by Tim. All in favor.
- III. Public Comment Period -
- IV. Perusal and Approval of Reports
 - A. Secretary Minutes - Motion to approve by Kevin, seconded by Kathy. All in favor.
 - B. Presentation of Claims & Financial Reports - Motion to approve by Tim, seconded by Kathy. All in favor.
- V. Director's Report -
 - A. Friends of the Library
 1. The FOL met for their monthly and annual meetings April 11th, 2023.
 2. Bud Tully was recognized by the board for his years of service. Thank you, Bud! Keith McWithey will join the board as of the May 2023 meeting.
 3. The spring book sale will take place April 27th, 28th, and 29th.
 - B. Programs
 1. Last fall Sarah applied for a grant that would enable us to start our own circulating science kit collection. We received the grant in the amount of \$2000 from Science Kits for Public Libraries. Over the course of the next year, NMPL will be adding 25 science kits to our collection. These will cover everything from hydropower to magnets to robots to forensics. Patrons will be able to check these kits out and the library will be able to build a variety of programming around these resources as well. NMPL anticipates a great deal of publicity for our library at the local and state level as a result of this grant.
 2. The One State One Story initiative through Indiana Humanities and the Indiana State Library will be featuring the book Freedom over Me: Eleven slaves, their lives and dreams brought to life by Ashley Bryan as this year's state wide read. Suzanne Walker and Sarah have completed the program guide for this book. It will be a rich resource for librarians, educators and parents incorporating music, art, food, reflections, calls to action and more.
 3. POET Biorefining has opened up its community grant applications. They have allocated \$4,000.00 to the North Manchester area. Diane and Sarah

have been looking into Tower Gardens and believe this would be a huge asset to our community. The Tower Garden would tie in to Dirty Diggers, Chef University, Homeschool Science, and the Community Pantry as well as lend itself to brand new programs and outreaches. Tower Gardens run on an aeroponic system. Aeroponic systems use water, liquid nutrients and a soilless growing medium to grow plants in an air or mist environment rather than soil. This method is quick and efficient, using 98% less water, 90% less space, growing 30% more, and 3 times faster than traditional soil methods. There is no need for digging or weeding, which means planting indoors year round becomes a viable option. More than 150 different plants can be grown in Tower Gardens. NMPL is applying for funding for the set up costs as well as operating expenditures for the first 5 years.

4. Sarah will be presenting at the Difference is You Conference in September. She was recommended to the State Library by a fellow librarian for having "innovative projects/programs in the Youth and Teen areas".
5. Molly hosted a new Coloring Cafe program with adult coloring, cafe music, and hot drinks. She had a great response from attendees.
6. Molly will be teaching a new Diamond Painting Coasters class at the end of the month.
7. Molly's Mini Projects is making a comeback for round 2 in May. Attendees will be using "ordinary" items: ie: paper, mod podge, paint chip samples, and popsicle sticks and will be making paint chip notebooks, wall hangings, modern planters and mini books.
8. Local Author, Heidi Ramer, and her father, David Doudt, will be at NMPL on April 22nd to talk about her book, "Her Words, My Voice". When Heidi Ramer's mother died in 2001, she left behind 15 years of journals detailing the repeated sexual trauma she suffered at the hands of a colleague. Heidi is the only person ever to read those journals before now. Though Karen left no instructions for the journals, one entry in 1987 stated that, if she died, she wanted her story to be shared. Weaving together 15 years of Karen's journal entries and Heidi's personal reflections as a secondary survivor, "Her Words, My Voice," (published by LifeRich Publishing) leads readers down the uniquely painful path of sexual abuse and its wider impacts." April is Sexual Assault Awareness month.

C. Buildings & Grounds

1. McGuff roofing addressed the roof leak issue above the Indiana Room.
2. Havel has begun to address inspection issues with the boilers.

D. Personnel

1. N/A

E. Technology

1. Staff are training in the new Apollo ILS April 20th and 21st. Apollo will go live April 25th.

F. General Information

1. Reminder- Board walkthrough will take place prior to the May meeting.
2. The Pollinator Educators group met March 15th. This year's projects will include improving the area around the digital sign; assisting with the raised bed project; participating in the May 9th plant swap program; and maintenance of the pollinator garden.
3. The library will be ending the copier lease with Great American Financial Services/ Perry Pro Tech in September and will move to a lease agreement with WM Imaging Solutions, a Sharp copier company. This change will improve the copy print costs for the library.
4. Update regarding SB12 now SB380.

VI. Old Business

1. Diane gave an update on Senate Bill 12, now Senate Bill 380.

VII. New Business

1. Discussion on updating our Roann Library Reciprocal Agreement to include non-resident patrons. Motion to approve by Heather, seconded by Tim.

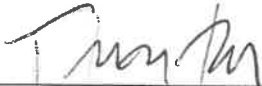

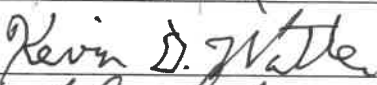
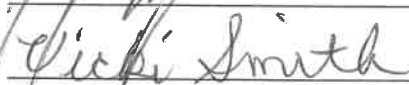

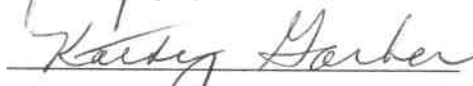
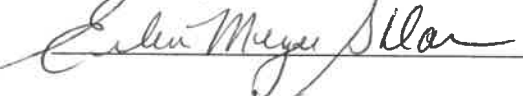

VIII. Questions & Comments from the Board - The June 15th meeting time will be changed to noon due to scheduling conflicts. Motion to approve by Tim. Seconded by Kevin. All in favor.

IX. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 7:01pm by Kathy. Seconded by Heather. All in favor.

Next Board Meeting - May 18th at 6:30pm in the Blocher Community Room

Approved by the Board on May 18th, 2023

Signed:

Mission Statement: The mission of the North Manchester Public Library is to provide materials, programs, and services necessary to meet the recreational and educational needs of the community in a comfortable and easily-accessible facility, which is a community center of activity and information.

Library Board Terms:

Heather Winger-Secretary	12/31/2023	2nd Term	School Board
Kathy Garber	6/30/2024	2nd Term	Town Council
Eileen Sklar-President	6/30/2024	3rd Term	County Commissioners
Kevin Walter-Treasurer	6/30/2025	4th Term	School Board
Tim Brauch	8/25/2024	1 st Term	County Council
Vicki Smith-Vice President	6/30/2026	5th (4th Full) Term	School Board
Michael Leckrone-Assistant Treasurer	6/30/2024	2nd Term	Town Council