

# Sanbornton Public Library Board of Trustees

## Agenda for September 15, 2020 at 6 p.m.

Due to the precautions set by the Governor of New Hampshire on public gatherings, the Board of Trustees of the Sanbornton Public Library is having the monthly Board of Trustees meeting on September 15, 2020 starting at 6:00 p.m. A videoconferencing link will be emailed to the Sanbornton townsfolk who wish to attend virtually.

To attend virtually, please send Director Marcia Haigh your email address no later than **Monday, September 14** to be added to the list of participants. You will be sent an invitation by email with the link and passcode. You must be on the list of participants to attend. Marcia Haigh may be contacted by phone 603-286-8288 or [spl3@metrocast.net](mailto:spl3@metrocast.net).

1. Call to Order
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Building Report  
Roof shingles
5. Programs and events
  - a. Summer Reading Program recap by Programming Coordinator attached.
  - b. Virtual story time began Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with 5 families participating.
6. Old Business
  - a. Outside Book Sale September 16<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 5 pm by Paula Grassie
  - b. Curbside pick-up update; discussion of phased re-opening during public health emergency.
7. New Business  
Budget request for Fiscal Year 2022
8. Other Business  
Non-Public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3
9. Adjournment;     Next meeting ~ October 20th, 2020; 6 p.m. at the Library

September 11, 2020

Dear Trustees,

Here is an overview of the Summer Reading Program since we last checked in.

There were 46 participants in the Reading Incentive Program who logged 20,401 minutes of reading as of 9/10/20. The Summer Readers earned \$204 to be donated to the food pantry.

972 books checked out from the children's collection this summer, down 347 from last summer (which is surprisingly not bad). Our DVD circulation was down much more in comparison to last year, 1347 to 68 but there were no real DVD releases. We continue to engage with our patrons by posting activities and photos on the website and facebook along with tutorials for how to use the online catalog. We have also offered librarian selected book bundles to patrons with whatever theme they are interested in, be it a 6 year old who likes unicorns or a 10 year old who likes sports.

We made and maintained a story walk in the field behind the library which offered families a chance to do an activity together, outside, in a safe environment. The story walk involves laminated pages of a picture book attached to posts along a path. Families can read and take a walk at the same time. This year we put up our first story walk in the spring and created a new one for the summer which followed with our "Imagine Your Story" theme. The story walk was visited by at least 78 people but was up and available anytime. One parent wrote to us that her son is a struggling reader but he did the storywalk multiple times with his big brother. They would alternate, each reading a page. She said it was a "good way to improve his skills this summer."

We organized 12 weeks of Activity Wednesdays with "make and take" bags and reading suggestions for ages 3-10. An average of 22 bags were given out a week with the biggest week topping at 31. "Figure it Out" Club for kids ages 9-14 ran for 10 weeks on Zoom. An average of 3 kids a week participated a week with it's height at 6 participants. There was very positive feedback from the families who participated. One parent wrote, "the club run by the library was truly a bright spot" for her child. Another parent wrote, "our summer has been pretty special thanks in part to activities like this."

I am looking forward to the start of our Zoom story time on Fridays. This program is aimed at the youngest members of our community and their families as they begin to develop their early literacy tools.

Thank you all for your support.

Jessie Ahlgren  
Program Coordinator