

NORTH ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEES MEETING
June 13, 2016

Present: Rich Remsberg, Donald Pecor, Director Mindy Hackner, Nicole Prokop, Joan Owczarski, Rich Taskin and Hulda Jowett. Absent was Harris Elder, and no guests were present. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Remsberg at 3 p.m. Upon motion made and duly seconded, the minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting were approved.

Director's Report:

Director Hackner summarized the report provided to Trustees prior to the meeting and provided additional information.

- ❖ Having removed the tree on the East Main Street side of the library building, ice damage previously experienced in the winter months should no longer be a problem.
- ❖ Decrease in electric and gas consumption from previous years can be seen as a result of the new system (included in City budget) and the milder winter. Mindy will furnish a dehumidifier for the vault until Norm Rolnick can provide a condenser unit replacement.
- ❖ Excellent turnout (45 people) for "Builders of the Hoosac Tunnel" with Cliff Schnexnayder, and Barry Emery may possibly be the next speaker with his new book of historical fiction, "Brooklyn Comes to Cheshire".
- ❖ Walmart will be partnering with the summer reading program by providing prizes relating to the "Exercise" Your Mind theme and there is a possibility of musicians performing to wrap up the program.
- ❖ There are now two computers hooked up for public use in the Reference Department.
- ❖ The tag line *NAPL, the Heart of the Community*, has been changed to better reflect the goals of the library and is now *NAPL... YourGateway to Learning*.
- ❖ Kim Dilego and Sara Russell-Scholl, newly appointed Children's Librarian, are working together on Fridays to introduce Sara to different aspects and duties of her department. The decision-making process in choosing from among the candidates was difficult and the consideration of soft skills vs tech/hard skills was an important aspect.
- ❖ A hypodermic needle was found in the men's bathroom, prompting the question of a sharps container being installed, but also wariness of the message that sends. Director Hackner will put a message out on the ListServ for input on how to handle touching/not touching unsanitary items to see how other libraries have handled this problem.
- ❖ Part-timers requesting vacations puts stress on the schedules of full time help, and staff shortage again becomes an issue.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, it was voted to accept the Director's Report.