

NORTH ADAMS PUBLIC LIBRARY  
TRUSTEES MEETING  
September 12, 2016



**Present:** Harris Elder, Rich Remsberg, Donald Pecor, Nicole Prokop, Rich Taskin, Hulda Jowett. Also in attendance: Library Director, Mindy Hackner; Claire LaMere (Friends); Jack Guerino (iBerkshires reporter); and Youth Services Librarian, Sara Russell-Scholl.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the minutes of the June 13, 2016 meeting were approved.

**Director's Report:**

See attachment.

**Financial Report:**

The library's balances are within the expected range for this time of year with \$215,092 remaining in the FY16 budget. Largest single expense in July was CWMARS membership (\$23,118) coming from the State Aid offset. Upon motion made and duly seconded it was voted to accept the Financial Report.

**Old Business:** Plans continue for finding and celebrating a date for Joe Truskowski's retirement from the Board

**New Business:** Sara Russell-Scholl was introduced as the new Youth Services Librarian. She reported that the summer reading program, started in the end of June, was successful. Of the 152 children that signed up, 110 completed the program. This is a high percentage especially given that her appointment coincided with the first day of the six-week reading program. The theme this year was physical fitness. Seventy children and parents attended the magic show wrap up with Scott Jameson. She passed out an information letter about a new 'Scratch Club', a programming language and online community for young people that will begin in October.

The Library Director noted the need to revamp and update library policies. She and the staff will put together suggested changes for the next meeting.

There was a discussion about a recent overdose at the library and what possible steps can be taken to help this community-wide problem. Mindy will speak to Mike Cozzoglio, Police Chief and Brien Center staff for recommendations on handling the problem. Meanwhile the stairwells have been posted with "No Trespassing" signs and an order of trespass will be issued by the City against the person who misused the library in this way.

There was an additional discussion about providing library cards to visiting artists and interns at MASS MoCA. Unfortunately, there is an issue with unreturned materials that goes along with