

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
SPECIAL LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 11, 2012, 7:30 p.m.
Mystic & Noank Library

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Public Comments
- IV. Communications
- V. Approval of minutes of the June meeting
- VI. New Business
- VII. Director's Report, June – August 2012
 - A. Due to the shortened time frame for the September meeting, the review of statistics will be deferred until the October meeting to allow sufficient time to discuss several months' worth of information.
 - B. The library's website now offers the BookMyne app for the iPhone, iPad or Android. BookMyne allows users of mobile devices to connect to the library catalog to search for the latest bestseller or log into their account to renew items, place holds, and see what they have checked out.
 - C. The 4th annual Summer Solstice Festival (which also served as the summer reading kickoff) took place on June 20. Approximately 350 people attended the festivities.
 - D. The Library is adopting a new system of collection development using "custom carts" created by Baker & Taylor (the company that supplies most of our materials). The goal is to have the system streamline the process by saving staff time, ensuring that high-demand items are ordered more efficiently and allowing selectors online access to reviews and other pertinent ordering information.
 - E. The Director is serving on a committee convened by the Connecticut Humanities Council tasked with establishing the Connecticut Center for the Book.
 - F. The Director attended a workshop designed for cultural heritage institutions to learn about building a disaster response network. It was held at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum on June 27.

- G. New energy-efficient lighting was installed in the library stacks and over the welcome/information desk. The final fixtures are on order and the project will be completed when they arrive.
- H. A tentative agreement to an MOU has been reached between the Town and SEC-TV. The MOU must also be approved by Comcast and TVC and accepted by PURA.
- I. Lieutenant John Varone offered two sessions of personal safety training for library staff.
- J. Summer Reading
 - a. The Library's Summer Reading Program for children, teens and adults was restructured this year. Readers registered online and the program tracked their reading and eligibility for prizes. The program allowed the Library to report reading activity by school and grade to the Groton Public Schools. Participation by all age groups increased over 2011.
 - b. 319 children read 8,583 books
 - c. 72 teens read 640 books
 - d. 71 adults read 450 books
 - e. The children's librarians took summer reading to the summer camp playgrounds this year to encourage wider participation in the program and this collaboration was successful. Representatives from Parks & Rec and the Library will be meeting to evaluate the various components of the program to make adjustments as necessary.
 - f. The summer reading finale featured a magic show on August 10 attended by 166 children.
- K. The children's nonfiction collection is being weeded and then the entire collection will be re-arranged. All circulating children's puppets have been removed from the collection due to recent concerns about insects in libraries. The toddler play area is also being refreshed with new toys that are easier to clean. Book bins are being sent out for re-finishing by Correctional Enterprises of Connecticut.
- L. 12 middle-school aged children participated in the digital production camp funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. The students produced how-to and informational PSAs about library services. The CFECT will be holding their board meeting in the Library's Teenscape on September 11 from 4 – 6 p.m.
- M. The book sale held August 17 – 20 raised \$3,225.25 which has been added to the Library's Donation Trust Fund.
- N. Geraldine Brooks, author of *Caleb's Crossing*, eastern Connecticut's 2012 One Book, One Region choice, will appear at Fitch High School,

101 Groton Long Point Road, Groton, CT, on September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

- O. The Library and Groton Senior Center are co-sponsoring *Mark Twain 100 Years Later*, a Branson, Missouri favorite, at the Groton Senior Center on Sunday, September 23 at 2 p.m. The performance features Dave Ehlert exploring Twain's life story wound around his famous quotes.
- P. The fall meeting of the Circle of Friends will take place on September 24 at 5:30 in meeting room 1.
- Q. The Library is participating in two new collaborations this fall.
 - a. A multi-part "Groton Public Schools Book Discussion Group" will take place monthly featuring titles related to education and topics such as bullying, parenting, etc. Community members are invited to attend the sessions which will be led by school administrators.
 - b. U Conn Avery Point will partner with the Library to offer a program series as part of their Learning Community outreach. The theme is "Local Environments, Global Citizens" and the series will focus on civility, democracy and non-violence.

VIII. Old Business

IX. Adjournment