

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
Groton Public Library
7:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I) Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Marie Shaw.

- II) Roll call: Marie Shaw, Katherine Brighty, Rosemary Duval-Arnould, Susan Kietzman, Ranjna Bindra, Laurel Butler, Sean McKenna, and Betty Anne Reiter. Pennie Fox was excused. Absent: Lenore White. Diane Beaulieu attended as a member of the public.

- III) Public Comments: None

- IV) Communications: None

- V) Approval of minutes of the December 16, 2015 Library Board meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Katherine Brighty and seconded by Sean McKenna. The minutes were approved.

- VI) Review of December statistics: Circulation statistics remain steady. The number of Facebook friends has increased.

- VII) Director's Report
 - A. Library renovation project
 - i) Library fundraising for the project has reached \$101,550.96. Our goal of \$100,000 has been exceeded and donations are still being received.
 - ii) A thank you celebration for Groton Utilities and Eversource is being planned at Fairview on February 22.
 - B. Budget
 - i) The Director has submitted three versions of the Library budget to the Town Manager – level service, 0% increase and 5% decrease. The first review of the budget will be with the Town Manager on January 26. The public Budget Hearing will be held on March 30.
 - C. CT Sub Century Library Subcommittee
 - i) The libraries in the region are planning a series of programs related to our local submarine history. Details are being finalized but will include programs on the history of the dive tower, submarine medicine, surviving BRAC, stories of the wives and children of submariners, cooking on a submarine and the future of submarine service.

- ii) A StoryWalk featuring a book about submarines will be created and placed at outdoor locations throughout the region including Poquonnock Plains Park. An Eagle Scout has approached the library proposing to do this project as his Eagle Scout project.
 - iii) "Library Day" at the Nautilus Museum is planned for the summer of 2016. Children's librarians from the region will be on hand to read stories and offer submarine-related crafts.
- D. One Book, One Region
- i) The Library has planned programs on Tuesday evenings in February and March on topics related to Just Mercy. The kick-off program is February 3 at Connecticut College.
- D. Other news
- i) The Director has joined the pool of advisors who review grants for CT Humanities representing the library community.

VIII) New Business: None

IX) Old Business

- A. February 6 Town Council event. The library will be celebrating "Take Your Child to the Library Day" on Feb. 6. The Town Council, members of the RTM, the Groton Board of Education, the City of Groton Council, the Town Manager, the Superintendent of Schools and the Groton Public School Media Specialists will be invited to this event. Diane Beaulieu will coordinate the invitations. Library Board members will conduct guided tours of the library for the guests during the event. Attendees will also be able to take a self-guided tour. The Friends of the Library will assist with hospitality for the event.
 - B. Review of Library fee schedule. A review of the fine schedule was carried out. All Groton libraries have the same fine schedule. The current fine plan will continue.
- X) Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Kietzman and seconded by Laurel Butler. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03.