

GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, March 14, 2012
Groton Public Library
7:00 p.m., Director's Office

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Roll Call: Betty Anne Reiter, Judy Leonard, Lenore White, Susan Kietzman, Ellen Chiapperini, Pennie Fox, and Ranjna Bindra. Excused: Marie Shaw, Rosemary Duval-Arnould, and Richard Semeraro,
- III. Public Comments: none
- IV. Communications: none
- V. Approval of minutes of the February meeting: A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Judy Leonard and seconded by Lenore White. Motion carried.
- VI. Review of February statistics:
 - A. The library is in the midst of switching over to a new method of keeping and reporting statistics and measuring performance, as part of a town-wide program. Some items/services that were not measured before are now being monitored, while others that were previously counted are no longer measured.
 - B. The library is "holding its own," in terms of the number of people who come through the doors. The performance measure may indicate that there is a 0% change or target, but the library is pleased with the number of people served. Another example is the number of books. This number won't necessarily grow because there is only a certain amount of space for books. So, the librarians weed through the collection to make room for new books by getting rid of outdated materials.
 - C. E-books: 226 checkouts for the month of February (138 of which are for Kindles). About 3% of the book budget is spent on e-books.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Town Council Budget Review – Monday, April 2, 6 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- VIII. Director's Report:
 - A. Jennifer Miele is the new manager of library public services, with a start date of March 26. She currently serves as the director of the Preston Public Library, and has been the Head of Reference at the Old

Lyme Library. Miele has also worked at a library in Arizona that was in the news because it was the first library to go “Dewey-less.”

- B. Updated all the computers in the computer lab – lap tops and desk tops.
 - C. World Book Night (April 23) – books will be given away to people who aren’t avid readers. Library is a book pick-up site. There are 30 titles that the publishers are providing – very good, current books. People are supposed to give out books in the community – in laundromats, coffee shops, train stations, soup kitchens, etc. All the books will be labeled for World Book Night.
 - D. Library lighting project should be happening soon. The contract has been awarded. There will be all new lights in the stacks, so service at times will be disrupted. It will take about two weeks to complete the entire project. There will be new lighting installed in front of the information desk as well.
 - E. A book sale will be held April 13-16 with set up on the 12th.
 - F. Community Services Fair will be held at the Senior Center on March 28th and the Library will have a table.
 - G. The Library has a newly designed website – added a few things.
 - H. Edible Books – We’re going to do The Road by Cormac McCarthy. Ellen to bake cake and the group will assemble the road on April 1st at 1 p.m.
 - I. Betty Anne goes to Washington in late April to promote Connecticut libraries to legislators as the president of the Connecticut Library Association.
- IX. Old Business:
- A. There is a hearing on March 27th with Public Utilities Regulatory Agency about community access funding/management.
- X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. (Motion made by Ellen Chiapperini and seconded by Susan Kietzman).

Respectfully submitted by,

Susan Kietzman