

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, November 15, 2017  
Groton Public Library  
7:00 p.m.

- I. Call to order 7:01
  
- II. Roll Call: Laurel Butler, Barbara Nagy(prospective member), Cindy Wright, Susan Kietzman, Jennifer Miele, Marie Shaw, Katherine Brightly, Rosemary Duval-Arnould, Pennie Fox.
  
- III. Public Comments: Katherine Brightly had some feedback from a new resident about our login to the online catalog. Can one set up a shorter password? No. It's because all online catalogs have to be accessible to Connecticut residents with any library card, so patrons can't type just four digits in to logon.
  
- IV. Communications: Marie Shaw had a conversation with Lenore White. Lenore is moving to Stonington, and thus will be resigning from our Board.
  
- V. Approval of minutes of the October 18, 2017 Library Board meeting. Motion to approve from Susan Keitzman. Second by Katherine Brightly. Unanimously Approved.
  
- VI. Director's Report
  - A. State Budget Update from State Librarian Ken Wiggin dated 10/31:
    1. The Governor signed the budget bill today. The Statewide Digital Library (researchIT databases) was funded at \$1,750,193; CLC at \$184,300; deliverIT funding is ok; and borrowIT is funded at \$781,820. These amounts are basically what we had for the last fiscal year. The researchIT funding is sufficient to maintain access to the current suite of databases. There could still be some downward adjustments to these amounts. Early calculations also show that will we be able to meet our federal match and maintenance of effort requirements so we won't lose any federal funding.
  - B. Reports from library managers Cynthia Wright and Jennifer Miele. Cynthia Wright: Statistics Review: Circulation is up in many categories this month. We also now have "Google My Business" statistics. Children and Teen programming are doing well. GMTV YouTube channel has more than doubled compared to Oct 16. We've just completed the 2016-17 CT Public Library Survey for the CT State Library which is a treasure trove of data. Jennifer Miele : Public Service update: The Library had a presence at the Day Job Fair at the Marriott, and the Town Fall Festival. The public is very interested in what we offer. Sing and Stomp is a well-loved Children's program- over 100 attendees. Bumpers and Books had over 550 attendees. The Teen coding program will be funded by a \$6000 grant from the American Library Association. The coding program is starting the end of this month. Circle of Friends staff liaison is Kim

Balentine. There was a fundraising Bake Sale at Election Day, and an upcoming pet food donation drive, Winter Bazaar, and visits from therapy animals.

VII. New Business

In December we need to nominate new Officers, and then vote in January.

VIII. Old Business

A. 2018 Library Board Meeting Dates

1. The Board has agreed to continue meeting on the third Wednesday of each month with the meeting time changed to 4:00 p.m. beginning on January 17.
2. December Meeting will be Wed Dec 20 at 7 pm.

IX. Adjournment : 8:05pm

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