

**GROTON PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday November 16, 2016

Groton Senior Center

6:30 p.m., Classroom C

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Marie Shaw.
- II. Roll call: Betty Anne Reiter, Marie Shaw, Ranjna Bindra, Katherine Brighty and Rosemary Duval-Arnould. Excused: Laurel Butler, Lenore White, Susan Kietzman and Penelope Fox.
- III. Public Comments: None
- IV. Communications: None
- V. Approval of minutes of the October 19, 2016 Library Board meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ranjna Bindra and seconded by Katherine Brighty. The minutes were approved.
- VI. Review of October statistics: Overall counts are down a bit but downloadable audio, eBook and eMagazine circulation is up.
- VII. Director's Report
  - A. Library Activities
    - i. 570 people were surveyed from October 2 – 9 concerning their use of the Library on Sundays.
      - 69% of respondents were Groton residents; 31% were non-residents.
      - 54% use the Library on Sunday.
      - 84% said that Sunday hours are either very important (54%) or somewhat important (30%).
      - 44% visit the Library more than once each week. An additional 48% visit 2 or 3 times each month.
      - Many patrons added comments:
        - This is the busiest place in town and should always be open on Sunday. Families depend on it.

- I don't come on Sundays as I'm retired, but I think it's important to people who are in school or still working to be able to visit our beautiful library.
  - Best lib ever! Friendly! Intelligent! Planning ahead skills wonderful.
  - Thanks for maintaining this excellent resource. Before I had my own computer I used the library consistently – often on Sundays – to complete my college work.
  - Please do not remove Sunday hours or the space for study/meeting rooms. Very important!!! Thank you.
  - Thank you for making the Groton library one of the best libraries in CT. It is truly one of the best places to come and do homework.
  - Staff is exceptionally knowledgeable, willing to help and be of service. Resource very good – very comfortable, welcoming environment & a core resource for community.
  - This is my second home away from home!
  - Sunday hours are the best, please keep this opportunity!!
  - I believe that the GPL is the best facility as such in SECT. Personally, I would very much appreciate the Sunday hours being continued. I do quite a lot of my professional work online and greatly appreciate the opportunity to do so at GPL.
  - Best library I've been to in all the communities I have lived. Unfortunately my most free day is Sunday when hours are most limited.
- ii. The Library Director attended the following meetings:
- CLA Board, 10/6, to meet with State Librarian about potential cuts to borrowIT CT.
  - Power of Together 2, 10/11, to speak about the impact of their donation on the Library.
  - Senior Center/Library sign, 10/26.
  - CT College, 11/9, to talk about the 2017 One Book.
- iii. About 400 people attended Bumpers and Books on October 29. Families are invited to trick or treat at this event organized by the Junior Friends of the Library with support from the Town Police. Car trunks are decorated in book-related themes, book character costumes are welcome and treats are offered.
- iv. Staff received passport training on November 5. We are awaiting final approval and are working on developing a plan for accepting applications by appointment.

**B. Renovation Project**

- i. The Library renovation project continues. Electrical subcontractors have been working on wiring and installation of lighting.
- ii. As part of the building renovation project, the Library has installed a new drive up book drop located in the left lane as you pass in front of the Library. Patrons can drop items off from their vehicles. There are two slots; one for books and one for digital media, such as DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks. The exterior book return offers convenience for customers and brings the Library into fire safety compliance.
- iii. Staff is working on identifying iconic Groton images for the digital wallpaper. Meetings have been held with the Town Historian, Jim Streeter, and with Jason Mancini and Deb Jones at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum to gather expert input.

**VIII. New Business**

- A. Nomination of slate of officers for 2017-18. A motion to postpone the nominations until

the December meeting was made by Katherine Brighty and seconded by Ranjna Bindra. The motion was approved.

B. Next meeting is December 21. Will we have a quorum? Members not in attendance this evening will be surveyed.

IX. Old Business: None

X. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. was made by Ranjna Bindra and seconded by Katherine Brighty. The motion was approved.

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