

**Allenstown Public Library
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
59 Main Street
Allenstown, NH 03275**

May 20, 2025

The May 20th meeting of the Allenstown Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:05 PM by Jeff and seconded by Mandy.

Present: Betsi Randlett, Amanda Seibel, JoAnne Dufort (later arrival) and Jeff Venegas

Absent: Kathleen Pelissier

Public attendees:

Items:

- Agenda minutes from April 22 meeting were reviewed and ready to be posted. We just need to change the name of the business that quoted us. Betsi will change and post. Jeff moved to accept the minutes with the change and Mandy seconded.
- Review Director's report and items from the agenda.
 - Betsi will email and get clarification on Mount Washington deal before purchasing.
 - \$6,400 in donations for the Summer reading and Summer raffle
 - Chad Fennessey Real Estate will donate an amount that has yet to be determined.
 - Perennials and possibly a tree that are left over from the Merrimack County Conservation District Spring Plant sale will be donated.
 - Given another design for the new sign. Have already asked for name to be centered and to see if it can be made in the shape of a book.
 - Library's Facebook polls are limited to 24 hour stories. Exploring adding a poll to the website and sharing a link on Facebook so that we have a temporary solution.
 - No one showed up to adult craft event, not even the two people who signed up.
 - The town hired Purmore for garbage disposal, and Purmore threw the library in for free so we that we do not have to pay for trash.
 - Posted to Facebook about new books which was well received. Will do monthly and ask for people to add in comments what they would like to see next month!
 - Received the blood pressure monitors from the American Heart Association. Were trained on them, so that station will be going up by end of the week.
 - The summer reading schedule is mostly complete. A list of performers and their scheduled dates are as follows:
 - June 27th, 2pm at Town Hall: Gamers Sanctuary Mile Gaming Trailer
 - July 15th, 2pm: Lindsey and her Puppet Pals
 - July 24th, 2pm: NH Telephone Museum Telegraph Program
 - July 31st, 2pm: Magic Mike Entertainment Bubble Party
 - August 7th, 3pm: New England Party Animals Petting Zoo
 - April statistics- Parton Visits- 186, Checkouts- 400, Online checkouts- 252, New Patrons - 5, Crafts- 45, Facebook- people reached- 2,627, Facebook- post engagements-205

- Old business
 - Library hours
 - Can we do a post about the new books as they come in? In that post can we also ask suggestions for what folks may want to have for books in the library? Being done!
 - A survey on the new hours for Fall and how they may feel about them starting in the Fall on the Allentown Library page. TBD based on polling
 - Friends of the library- trying to see if we can get a volunteer to do this. Can do fundraising and grants we cannot apply for. Kathleen and Jeff may have someone in mind. Will reach out and see if there is interest in this. Kathleen needs to reach out to her contact and see if Jeff has. Jeff has not reached out yet but will! Will see if Kathleen has updates.
 - Goals ideas (carried over but we can get quotes on):
 - Bricks/pavers
 - Bathroom painting
 - Volunteer opportunities

The next Library Trustee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 17th at 5PM at the Allentown Library. Motion to adjourn was made at 5:25 PM by Jeff and seconded by Mandy.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda Seibel