

Town of Granby
Granby Library Board Meeting
Minutes
February 13, 2023

Members present: Judy Guarco, Chairman, Robert Donna, Vice-Chairperson, Kristal Fiorentino, Pam Jones, Hillary Peterson, Ellen Thomson, Catherine Watso

Staff: Amy McCue, Director of Library Services

Absent: Sandra Fischer

Call to order: A quorum was present and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Review of Agenda: No changes.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by C. Watso, seconded by P. Jones, the Board voted (7-0-0) to approve the minutes of January 9, 2023.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Library Director's Report:

General

- The Main Library building has moved to its Winter Hours, open to the public 46 hours/week, Monday – Sunday. Current Library Hours are: Mon, Wed, & Thu – 10 AM – 7 PM; Tue – 10 AM – 6 PM; Fri & Sat – 10 AM – 2 PM, Sundays 1-4 PM. Cossitt Branch Library is open 12 hours/week: Tue, Wed., & Thu 3 – 7 PM.
- Curbside Pickup appointments continue to be available during regular hours.

Grants

- Friends of Cossitt Pomeroy Brace Funds - \$28,000 – The contractor has completed the project. Work has begun on a grant application for 2023 to complete Phase II of the Cossitt restoration project, with the Town Manager's support. It is anticipated that the application will be submitted this month.

Programming

- In January, we hosted **431** people at **39** in-person and Zoom programs. Among these were the start of our Movie/TV series, with an in-house movie showing and a virtual presentation on Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks last night, as well as a fun children's program in honor of Dragon Appreciation day and a fascinating presentation on ice fishing.
- Our Sunday music series ("Music in the Stacks") has brought in a number of new users and brought back a number of patrons who hadn't been to the library in years. We've gotten some great feedback from patrons reaching out to thank us for this relaxing and community-building experience.
- Our new Thursday evening story time began the first week of February at the Main Library We already have many interested families.

- The First Saturday of February is International “Take Your Child to the Library” Day, where families are encouraged to visit their local libraries and explore all they have to offer – together. We hosted DJ Red Supreme at the Senior Center at 11 AM and encouraged people to stop by the library itself before/after for other activities.

Collections/ Circulation

- Physical circulation for the month of January was **5,566**. Of those, **153** were at Cossitt Library. Digital circulation was **2,013**, bringing our total for the month to **7,579**. Digital circulation continues to out-perform all previous years.

Buildings & Grounds

- The Town Manager has asked me for all of the information I have on quotes/contractors I’ve talked to about the APRA-funded projects. I am hopeful these projects will move forward in the near future.
- Nothing new to report – but please continue to think about how we can add a program space to the library as we move into the future. The excellent work being done by our programming staff to draw people into the library and create community within our walls would be so much more effective if we could actually bring them into the Library itself.

Technology

- WiFi use continues to be strong at both locations, with **665** WiFi sessions in January across the system representing **237** unique visitors.

Liaisons Reports:

FOGPL – Focusing on establishing committees & sub-committees & working on publicity, membership, etc. A puzzle sale is planned for Saturday, March 18 at Granby Public Library.

GLA – The GLA eNewsletter has helped make citizens aware of who they are and their role. A new logo has been created by a local Granby artist. The name change to Granby Library Foundation has been tabled.

Old Business: Chairman Guarco suggested honoring outgoing members L. Lochhead and A. Lampert by adding materials to the library’s Library of Things collection, as well as, books to be added to the library collection. Knitting items was suggested for L. Lochhead and quilting items for A. Lampert. Chairman Guarco and A. McCue, Library Director will meet to discuss what should be purchased.

New Business: A. McCue, Library Director has accepted a new position and will be leaving Granby Public Library on Friday, February 17, 2023. The Director’s position has been posted on the town’s website as well as various library sites. Applications are due by March 1, 2023 & it is expected a new Director will be in place by April . A member of the Granby Library Board will be included on the selection committee. R. Gilbert, Assistant Director, will act as interim Library Director.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Granby Library Board will be Monday, March 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment: On a motion by R. Donna seconded by E. Thomson, the Board voted 7/0/0 to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Gilbert