



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

Tuesday, May 10, 2016 – 3:00 P.M.

The Meeting Room

30 Crest Road, Middlebury, CT 06762

Present: Rita H. Smith, Chairman Also Present: Brigitte M. Bessette, Recording Clerk
Ronald G. Clark, Sr.
William J. Stowell
Robert C. Desmarais, Sr. Absent: Marilyn S. Engelman
Peter C. Vaccarelli
Jo-Ann LoRusso – Library Director

Call to Order with Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Mrs. Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance – See above.

Approval of April 12, 2016 Minutes – Mr. Clark MOTIONED to approve the Minutes of the April 12, 2016 Meeting as submitted, SECONDED by Mr. Desmarais, (Mr. Stowell abstained as he was not present at that meeting) unanimous approval.

Trustee Reports

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Stowell submitted his report to each Trustee Member. There was a donation of \$35.00 towards the Brick Sales account during the period April 12, 2016 through May 9, 2016. Total Brick Sales / Room Naming donations to date = \$45,470.00, Total Expenses to date = \$22,977.43, Balance in Fund 61 (Brick Sales and Room Naming Opportunities account) = \$22,492.57.

Mr. Desmarais MOTIONED to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted, SECONDED by Mr. Vaccarelli, unanimous approval.

Secretary's Report / Building Report – Mr. Vaccarelli noted and read for the record the attached "Aspen Institute's Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries" in Action summary statement.

Mr. Stowell MOTIONED to approve the Secretary's Report, SECONDED by Mr. Clark, unanimous approval.

Director's Report – Mrs. Smith confirmed that all Trustee Members received a copy of the Director's Report along with April 2016 Statistics. Mrs. LoRusso then presented the May 2016 Calendar of Events to all Trustee Members (see attached). Noteworthy points and events include:

"Reading is Our Only Hope" Middlebury Public Library Community Summer Read 2016 - This event is filled with activities and encourages students when out of session to read for enjoyment. This event also encompasses community involvement.

Passport to Connecticut Libraries was very successful. This event attracted 109 people to visit our library who normally would not have.

Penguin Random House Open Book Event – The Library Director and Assistant Director were invited by Penguin Random House to an April 20, 2016 luncheon in New York to meet six authors. They received signed copies of their upcoming books. Director LoRusso will pursue having various authors visit our library (to include webinars) to improve collection development.

May Health Awareness – Mrs. LoRusso noted the display within the library. A member from our community will speak on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. about the health and wellbeing of one's mental state.

Mr. Clark MOTIONED to accept the Director's Report, SECONDED by Mr. Stowell, unanimous approval.

Old Business – Review of Room Naming Opportunities

Mrs. Smith noted that last month the Board Members present discussed the Room Naming Opportunities, the possible decrease in amounts due to lack of interest and changing some room names. A discussion took place regarding each room and dollar amounts. It was agreed upon to amend the Naming Opportunities (revised 5/10/2016) as follows:

Adult Study Room (3)	-	\$ 5,000
Children's Study Room (2)	-	\$ 3,000
Café	-	\$ 5,000
Children's Story Time Room	-	\$10,000
Meeting Room w/ future Patio	-	\$20,000
Teen Room	-	\$20,000

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Mr. Stowell MOTIONED to approve the above amended Naming Opportunities schedule, SECONDED by Mr. Desmarais, unanimous approval.

New Business - None

Public Comment - None

Adjournment – Mr. Desmarais MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 P.M., SECONDED by Mr. Clark, unanimous approval.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Brigitte M. Bessette
Recording Clerk

Attachments

Cc: Library Board of Trustees
Library Director
Town Clerk
Web Master

Aspen Institute's Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries" in Action

The work, passion and commitment of library staff around the country was celebrated during National Library Week as libraries held events, launched new programs and invited their communities to experience the amazing things that are happening at libraries.

Connecticut Activity

The Connecticut State Library continues to develop activities that build on the first statewide library dialogue, the Connecticut Dialogue on Public Libraries, held last year. The State Library's Office of Library Development sponsored the program "Aspen Institute: Re-envisioning CT's Libraries," on April 22 at the annual meeting of the Connecticut Library Association. The program featured a panel of Connecticut library leaders who participated in the pilot phase of the Action Guide development: Jane Fisher, Director, Wallingford Public Library, Alice Knapp, Executive Director, Ferguson Library, Stamford, and Jo-Ann Lo Russo, Director, Middlebury Public Library with panel moderator Maureen Sullivan. This program was designed to introduce the Aspen Institute's Action Guide to librarians statewide as the State Library prepares to roll-out a series of cohorts using the Action Guide in their communities to develop and execute their own community dialogues.

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The Aspen Institute Dialogue on Public Libraries · United States

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To: *Middlebury Library Board of Trustees*
From: *Jo-Ann LoRusso, Director*

Re: Director's Report

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Statistics for April 2016

(ATTACHMENT)

Library Programs, Services, and Upcoming Events (HANDOUT)

“Reading, It’s Our Only Hope” Summer Read 2016

Studies show reading initiatives provide quality learning activities and reading techniques to engage students and lifelong learners throughout the summer months. The Middlebury Public Library would like to continue to provide reading incentives to our community. The Middlebury Public Library works in conjunction with Region 15’s suggested summer reading lists, as well as, participates in the Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge. This year’s Middlebury’s summer reading initiative is themed around George Lucas’ Star Wars. “Reading, it’s our only hope”.

We have many community events planned throughout the summer. “May the 4th be with you” is national Star Wars Day. Middlebury Public Library will kick off the summer reading initiative on May 4, 2016 and will end August 4, 2016. We will conclude our summer reading program with an outdoor movie featuring “Star Wars: The Force Awakens.”

We hope to offer reading incentives to all ages to encourage reading throughout the summer. In order for us to provide these programs and services, the Middlebury Public Library reached out to our community. Our sponsors for our Summer Read 2016 “Reading, it’s our only hope” are as follows: Thomaston Savings Bank Foundation, Inc., Law Office of Dana D’Angelo L.L.C., and Edgewood Bath and Tennis, L.L.C.

Passport to CT Libraries

One Hundred and twenty Connecticut public libraries are in participation in *Passport to CT Libraries* program. The Middlebury Public Library gave away 109 book marks printed on our 3D printer during the month of April 2016.

Penguin Random House Open Book Event

An invitation to attend an author luncheon at the Penguin Random House in New York on April 20, 2016 was extended to the Middlebury Public Library director and assistant director. We were introduced to six distinguished authors and received signed copies of their upcoming books. The next must reads for the season were revealed.

May Health Literacy Talk

**Nutrition & Cancer Prevention
May 6, 2016 at 1:00PM**

Most common cancers are preventable through a nutritious diet, maintaining a healthy weight and regular physical activity. Knowing how to eat healthy and implementing changes can reduce one's cancer risk in addition to reducing one's risk for stroke, cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes. Free. Sponsor: Western Connecticut Health Network.

	APRIL 2016	
Circulation	5403	
PROGRAMS	Number of Programs	Number of Attendees
Adult - Includes Technology Programs	58	351
Children	16	214
Teen	3	21
Specials	12 Preschool on the Green Yoga Lego Movies Health Safety Talk Irish Dancing	188
Outside Groups	2 Board of Trustees St. John of the Cross Book Group	22
Program Total	89	796
STUDY ROOM USAGE	88 Times	136 People
LIBRARY CARDS	10 New Residents	3521 Active Cards
COLLECTION SIZE	73198	

May 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 Moving & Grooving Ages 1-2 10:00 AM One plus One Ages 2-3 10:45 AM Great Courses: Optimizing Brain Fitness 11:00 AM TACK Room: Sewing Basics 1:00 PM</p>	<p>3 Story Time Ages 3-5 10:30 AM Lego Club 4:15 PM Grades K-5 Great Courses: Genealogy 6:30 PM Knitting with Miss Anne 6:30 PM</p>	<p>4 Tech Talk: Instagram 11:00 AM Brown Bag Book Discussion <i>The Invention of Wings</i> 1:00 PM Documentary Movie - <i>Phar's Up With the Weather?</i> 1:00 PM Story Time Ages 3-5 2:00 PM</p> 	<p>5 Squiggle Wiggle Storytime Ages 12 months—3 yrs 10:00 AM Teen Movie: <i>Hockinjay Part 2</i> 5:00 PM Teen Room Shakespeare in the Park 6:30 PM</p>	<p>6 Little People Yoga 10:00 AM Fitness Friday 11:00 AM Cancer Management with Cynthia Tyler 1:00 PM New Movie Showing—Meeting Room <i>Spectre</i> 1:00 PM</p>	<p>7 Open 10 - 2</p>
<p>9 Moving & Grooving Ages 1-2 10:00 AM One plus One Ages 2-3 10:45 AM Great Courses: Optimizing Brain Fitness 11:00 AM TACK Room: Sewing Basics 1:00 PM</p>	<p>10 Story Time Ages 3-5 10:30 AM Dog Listener 6:00 PM Great Courses: Genealogy 6:30 PM Knitting with Miss Anne 6:30 PM</p>	<p>11 Documentary Movie - <i>Chauncy Judd Adventure</i> 1:00 PM May Crafts 2:30 PM Grades K-5</p>	<p>12 Squiggle Wiggle Storytime Ages 12 months—3 yrs 10:00 AM Watertown Art League Art Show Reception 5:30 PM Mystery Book Discussion <i>What the Dead Know</i> 6:00 PM</p>	<p>13 Little People Yoga 10:00 AM Fitness Friday 11:00 AM Mental Health Talk with Janine Sullivan-Wiley 1:00 PM New Movie Showing—Meeting Room <i>In the Heart of the Sea</i> 1:00 PM</p>	<p>14 Open 10 - 2</p>
<p>16 Moving & Grooving Ages 1-2 10:00 AM One plus One Ages 2-3 10:45 AM Great Courses: Optimizing Brain Fitness 11:00 AM TACK Room: Sewing Basics 1:00 PM</p>	<p>17 Story Time Ages 3-5 10:30 AM Lego Club 4:15 PM Grades K-5 Great Courses: Genealogy 6:30 PM Knitting with Miss Anne 6:30 PM</p>	<p>18 Tech Talk: Netflix 11:00 AM Documentary Movie - <i>Passport to Adventure: Spain</i> 1:00 PM Story Time Ages 3-5 2:00 PM</p>	<p>19 Squiggle Wiggle Storytime Ages 12 months—3 yrs 10:00 AM DIY Mason Jar Terrariums 2:00 PM Author Visit: Charley Monagan <i>Carric Walton</i> 6:30 PM</p>	<p>20 Little People Yoga 10:00 AM Fitness Friday 11:00 AM Easy Acupuncture for Health with Sarah Poulton 1:00 PM New Movie Showing—Meeting Room <i>The Lady in the Van</i> 1:00 PM</p>	<p>21 Open 10 - 2</p>
<p>23 Moving & Grooving Ages 1-2 10:00 AM One plus One Ages 2-3 10:45 AM Great Courses: Optimizing Brain Fitness 11:00 AM TACK Room: Sewing Basics 1:00 PM</p>	<p>24 Story Time Ages 3-5 10:30 AM Traveling Gourmet: Ireland 5:30 PM Knitting with Miss Anne 6:30 PM</p>	<p>25 Documentary Movie - <i>Grand Tour of Italy</i> 1:00 PM Story Time Ages 3-5 2:00 PM</p>	<p>26 Squiggle Wiggle Storytime Ages 12 months—3 yrs 10:00 AM Sewing Scout Patches 6:30 PM</p>	<p>27 Little People Yoga 10:00 AM Fitness Friday 11:00 AM New Movie Showing - <i>The Choice</i> 1:00 PM</p>	<p>28 CLOSED</p>
<p>30 CLOSED </p>	<p>31 Middle School Masterminds: Stop Motion Animation 4:00 PM Knitting with Miss Anne 6:30 PM</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Hours: CLOSED on Saturdays Saturday hours will resume after Labor Day on September 10, 2016.</p>	

Community Summer Read 2016

Family Movie Kickoff!
Monday, June 6th
Star Wars: A New Hope
 Rated PG
 1:00 PM
 Light Refreshments served!



May The Force Be With You
 Reading Challenge for All Ages
 Is your force strong with the First Order or with the Resistance. Choose your allegiance. Fill out a # of pages read slip and drop in container. All are welcome to attend a Pizza Party in honor of the team with the most pages read by July 15th. Pizza Party will be held on July 19th at 6:30 PM in the Larkin Room. Registration required.

Teen Summer Reading Challenge
 On-going registration begins Mon, June 6th.
 See Teen Librarian for more information

Children's Summer Reading Challenge
 On-going registration begins Mon, June 6th.
 Reading packets available at Children's Desk.

Family Movie Finale Under the Stars

Thurs. Aug. 4th- 8 PM- The Force Awakens
 Where : Meadowview Park Pavilion
 Checkout 4 Space Related Items and
 Receive a Free Family Movie Pass
 - Admit Four -

In case of rain, the movie will be shown at 6 PM in the Larkin Room at the Library.



Adult/Community Events

Adult Summer Reading Challenge
 Be part of the fun.

June Challenge - Entry gained by reading books or watching movies about anything stars, space or with the word star in the title. **Drawing Fri, July 1st**

July Challenge - Entry gained by reading a sci-fi book or watching an action/adventure movie.
Drawing Thurs. Aug. 4th

Death Star Bath Bombs: Thurs. June—2 PM

See circulation desk for more information.

Registration required / Space limited

Guess how many Ewoks contest

Closest guess wins the Ewoks!

Families Welcome - Contest runs throughout the summer

I Spy With My Jedi! Eye Scavenger Hunt

Enter the drawing to win a prize!

Families Welcome— Contest runs throughout the summer

Star Wars Movie Series: Thursdays @ 5 PM

June 23rd—*A New Hope*

June 30th - *The Empire Strikes Back*

July 7th —*Return of the Jedi*

July 14th — *The Phantom Menace*

July 21st —*Attack of the Clones*

July 28th —*Revenge of the Sith*
 (Bring a Diner!)

Weekly Galactic Trivia Challenge

A correct answer will earn you an entry into a drawing for free books. Contest runs weekly throughout the summer.

Family Movie Finale Under the Stars

Thurs. Aug. 4th— 8 PM—The Force Awakens

Where: Meadowview Park Pavilion

In case of rain, the movie will be shown at 6 PM in the Larkin Room at the Library.)

Teen Events

Sign-up required for all events

Guess how many BB-8 droid parts contest!

Closest guess wins the BB-8 droid parts!

Contest runs throughout the summer.

Star Wars Shrinky Dink Keychains

Tues. June 14th—2 PM or 6 PM

Star Wars Bingo

Tues. July 12th—2 PM or 6 PM

Chocolate Lightsabers

Tues. Aug. 2nd — 2 PM or 6 PM

Children Events

Sign-up required for all events

Make Your Own Spacecraft Contest!

Fri. July 5th through Fri. Aug. 5th

See Children's Desk for more information.

Star Wars Specials

Chewbacca & Yoda Bookmarks

Wed. June 22th—3 PM

A Mosaic From Far, Far Away...

Wed. June 29th—3 PM

Star Wars Reading Rewards Sundaes

Wed. July 6th— 3 PM

Lightsaber Cooking Class

Wed. July 13th — 3PM

Galaxy Shine Time

Wed. July 20th—3PM

Make Your Own BB-8 Droid

Wed. July 27th—3 PM

Star Wars Pizza Parade

Thurs. Aug. 11th—12 PM—Costumes Welcome!
 Spacecraft Contest Winners Announced!