

**North Hampton Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
Monthly Meeting**

**Date: November 13, 2019, 6:30 pm**

**Location of Session: Town Hall**

**Meeting Recorded by Channel 22**

**Attendees:**

Chair: Susan Leonardi  
Treasurer: Jacqueline Brandt  
Secretary: Kathleen Kilgore  
Alternate: Emily Creighton

Library Director: Susan Grant

Assistant Director: Liz Herold

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*The intent of these minutes is to provide a summary of the essential meeting content and not a transcription.*

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**Public in Attendance**

**Board of Trustees Monthly Board Meeting**

**1. Administrative**

**a. Call to Order in Public Session**

The meeting was called to order by Susan Leonardi at 6:34 pm

**b. Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

*Motion to table approval of prior meeting minutes until the next meeting.*

*Made by Jacqui Brand*

*Seconded by Kathleen M Kilgore*

*Vote: 3 - 0.*

**c. Library Director's Report**

Please see attached report for details provided

Susan Grant submitted an article for the Granite State Libraries Newsletter about the Expansion and Renovation Plan and it has been published in the November 2019 newsletter.

**Update to holiday schedule:**

The Library was open on Monday, November 11, 2019, Veterans Day. This was new this year. The Library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and will be open on the day after, Friday. This is new this year.

The Library will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

The Library will close at 2pm on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day

In the new year, the Library will be open on Martin Luther King Day in January and Presidents Day in February.

- d. Youth Librarian Report  
Please see attached report for details provided
- e. Treasurer Report

*Motion to accept the Library Director's Report, Youth Librarian Report, and Treasurer's Report as presented tonight*

*Made by Jacqui Brand*

*Seconded by Kathleen M Kilgore*

*Vote: 3 - 0.*

**2. Old Business**

- a. Presentation materials and updates on library project

Literature – Executive Summary

Reviewed binder of information put together by Susan Leonardi.

Discussed using Graphics – Timelines - Pictures

Scheduled a workshop for Monday, November 25, 2019 at 9:00 am to finalize material.

- b. Strategic Plan – Tabled this item due to needing to prioritize work on the presentation materials for the library project.
- c. Other Items that may come up before the Board

Further discussed Winter Hours for the Library and the possibility of changing evening hours on Tuesday's and Thursday after the first of the year and adding an additional night during the week in March, suggesting being open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week.

**3. Public Comment**

Vicky Jones, Chair of The Friend of North Hampton Public Library

Annual Appeal is in process and response has been strong.

Provided a reminder about the Holiday Raffle, raffling off a homemade crocheted throw by Andrea Vibbert. The raffle runs thru December 5, 2019. Raffle tickets are available in the Library.

Reported Lisa Peck has recently move out of Town has resigned from The Friends Group. She wanted to thank Lisa for her contribution to the group over the last several years and wanted her to know she will be missed.

**4. Correspondence**

- a. Correspondence from Jim Maggiore regarding septic
- b. Correspondence from Judy Day inquiring on the site survey recently done.
- c. Town Counsel Memorandum dated October 7, 2019 in response to Select Board questions sent to Town Counsel dated September 23, 2019

**5. Next Meeting Date / Adjournment**

Work Session – Monday, November 25, 2019 at 9:00 am at the NHP

The meeting was adjourned by Susan Leonardi at 7:48 pm.

**Appendix of Additional Documents to Meeting Minutes (for reference):**

Agenda

Librarian Report

Youth Librarian Report

Suggested Added Items for Website regarding the Library Expansion & Renovation

Granite State Libraries Newsletter – November 2019

Memorandum dated October 7, 2019 from Stephen Bennett to Bryan Kaenrath

Question for Attorney Bennett dated September 23, 2019

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  - b. Approval of Meeting Minutes
  - c. Library Director's Report
  - d. Youth Librarian Report
  - e. Treasurer Report
2. Old Business:
  - a. Presentation materials and update on library project
    - i. Project Binder
    - ii. Flyer/Postcard
    - iii. Website
  - b. Strategic Plan
  - c. Other items that may come up before the Board
3. Public Comment
4. Correspondence
  - a. Town counsel memorandum
5. Next meeting date/Adjournment

Librarian's Report  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Susan Grant, Director

## Building

We have our permit for the meeting room from the Fire Department – it is posted on the Craig Room wall near the back door.

## Financial

We received a donation from the Dan Brown Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$5,000. A thank you note via email was sent to Lisa Detweiler the NH Charitable Foundation representative who replied that Mr. Brown was "thrilled with the work we are doing." I send them an email outlining how we have benefited from his generous donation each year.

- Operating Account TDBank reconciled ending balance 10/31/2019 is \$50,810.72
- Non-appropriated Funds Account TDBank reconciled ending balance 10/31/2019 is \$91,571.60
- Peoples Bank CD#1 143,660.44 as of 6/30/2019
- Peoples Bank CD#2 \$96,056.62 as of 6/30/19
- Peoples Bank Checking Account \$ as of 10/31/2019 is \$10,101.36.
- Capital Reserve Fund as of 9/30/2019 709,003.05. Previous balance was \$708,091.66.

## Operations

The library was open Veterans' Day. The next holiday opening will be Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. The library will be open Friday Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 5 the day after Thanksgiving, and Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 2. The library will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and will open the 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The library will be open 9:30 - 2 on December 31<sup>st</sup>, New Year's Eve.

We did a patron purge as recommended by the State Library of patrons who have been inactive more than 5 years and deleted 883 inactive patrons. Their registrations cards remain in the library for renewal if they still live in town and just haven't used their card in over 5 years. Many were confirmed to have moved away.

Leyda Frias, property coordinator of asset management for WSDEVELOPMENT which is the management company of Lafayette Crossing Shopping Center emailed me with a proposal for the library to curate and maintain a Little Free Library in front of Luv2Play. They will build and install it and we will provide the books.

We have a new copier, new lease with Kyocera. It is slightly less expensive than our previous lease and an upgraded model of the copier we had before the most recent model, which we liked and found easier to use.

Some staff had a workshop October 16<sup>th</sup> with Healthtrust representative Lisa Maloney about managing stress. We'd like to have her back to do a workshop for the entire staff, which would require closing early one day so that all could attend without interruption. Liz, Barbara, Connie and myself attended the workshop and felt all staff could benefit. The workshops are free as part of our Healthtrust membership.

## Statistics

FY2020	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
NHPL circulation	3142	2720	2326	2194
ebooks downloaded	183	181	168	150

## Youth Services Department Report – November 11, 2019

One of our teen volunteers and a friend are interested in helping me a family Story Time planned for Saturday, 11/23. The teens said they want to plan a dramatization of one of the stories to perform at the event.

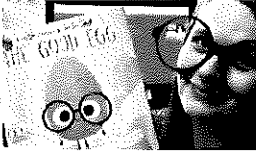
Carol Sanborn, a certified Childlight® yoga instructor, gave a half hour class for children aged 2 to 5 accompanied by their parent/caregiver. There were 6 participants.

In honor of the Halloween season, Pre-teens and Teens had drop-in crafts to make and take home. The crafts were decorating paper tombstones, and creating window cling-vinyl monster images. Children also could color in pictures of candy corn and place them in a raffle jar. On October 30 I pulled three raffles slips, and the winners each received a black light party hat to wear for trick or treating.

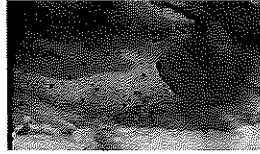
The Opus Scopus Book Club is going along well. The children are enthusiastic about the graphic novels we are reading, and the book-related activities and crafts.

I weeded the Teen Room collection, removing titles that have not circulated since 2014 and re-shelving some older titles in the main library's YA section. I then added new books in a variety of genres. This freed up more shelf space, so I could spread out and reorganize the collection. The room is now more visually pleasing and it is easier to locate the various types of materials and genres.

The Collaborative Summer Reading Program materials that we receive annually for our SRP's include a large amount of self-directed activity sheets (games, match-ups, etc.). I have printed off 20 and they are available in the Pre-teen area for drop-in activity.



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# GRANITE STATE LIBRARIES



## 2019 New Hampshire Library of the Year

The **Goffstown Public Library** has been recognized and named as the New Hampshire Library Trustee Association's 2019 Library of the Year. The award was presented in a ceremony at the Library on October 10 at 6 p.m.

Aimee Huntemann, Chair of the Goffstown Public Library Board of Trustees, made the announcement on Friday, September 20, and said "The efforts of our Library Director, Dianne Hathaway, were a major contributing factor in the Goffstown Public Library being selected for this award. Our involvement in bringing the Courageous Community Conversations programs to Goffstown, as well as our partnerships with the other community organizations that worked with us on these programs were also highlighted as reasons our Library was named NHLTA Library of the Year for 2019."

Photo submitted by Dianne  
Hathaway

"This award is a great honor for our hardworking team, the Library Board of Trustees, and the Goffstown community. We look forward to continuing to provide a great return on the investment in the Library," said Library Director Dianne Hathaway.

This award is given to a New Hampshire Library that has demonstrated expansion and improvement of services and technology, expanded services to previously under-served parts of the community, developed partnerships with other libraries and community organizations and has proven value to the community measured by relationships with and support from town officials and members of the community.

In early 2019, the Goffstown Public Library collaborated with community partners to create the Courageous Community Conversations series designed to help us understand many racial and cultural issues, as well as provide a starting point to open up the conversation about race and diversity in Goffstown. Attendance at classes, programs, and events increased 21.2% last year, expanding the Library's reach to attendees of all ages and abilities. The Goffstown Public Library continues to increase awareness of our community's needs and interests, and respond to public suggestions, such as adding online resources like Universal Class to provide digital and remote learning options for the community. In addition, each year the Library partners with local organizations, business and charities to collaborate, educate and inform, taking advantage of the available opportunities to share information and provide services to all members of the public. - *Submitted by Dianne Hathaway, Director, Goffstown Public Library*

## CLNH'S Children's Librarian of the Year

Heather Lindsay is new to the Mary E. Bartlett Library (employed since August 2018), but not new to libraries on the Seacoast. She exhibits a passion for providing quality service to children and young adults evidenced by the number of programs she has developed.

She faced many challenges with this position: a collection that had not been thoroughly weeded in the past, a lack of young adult programming, and a cooperative middle and high school located in a neighboring town. Despite these obstacles, Heather dove right in, cleaning up the collection, adding a significant number of programs, and reaching out to various organizations to increase the number of attendees at programs.

## Award-Winning Librarians

Congratulations to Donna Dunlop, director of the Hopkinton Town Library, for being named the 2019 New Hampshire Librarian of the Year by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association! The Hopkinton Town reopened with renovations this summer after a lightning strike to the cupola caused fire and water damage to the building.

Heather Lindsay was named CLNH's Children's Librarian of the Year. Heather works at the Mary E. Bartlett Library in Brentwood. (See article.)

Ann Hoey, retired Youth and Adult Services Consultant at the New Hampshire State Library, was presented with the Ann Geisel Award of Merit at the NHLA Fall Business Meeting.



Heather's most successful program to date has been an anime club for youth in grades 6 and up. She began the program at the request of a young patron and it has grown consistently month to month.

A town wide Google calendar has been spearheaded by Heather in order to reduce the amount of overlap in programming. Eight organizations were invited to the first meeting and all send representation. This is a work in progress, but we are off to a great start.

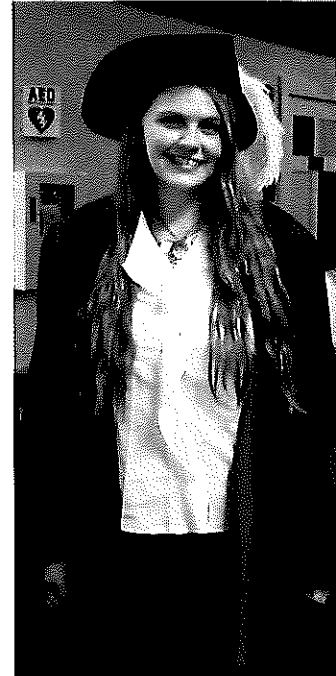
We were gifted a 3D printer and Heather set it up, teaches classes in it's use, and assisted with policy development for the use of the machine. Patrons of all ages have shown interest and it has become a great talking point for awareness around other STEAM programs.

Heather has collaborated with representatives from the High School, a local teen center, the recreation center, Boys and Girl Scout troops, and the Junior American Citizens, to name a few.

Our website, [brentwoodlibrary.org](http://brentwoodlibrary.org) was completely reworked by Heather, creating a more modern feel and one that has been favorably commented on by many.

All of these things were accomplished in a 9 month period of time, an impressive feat in my opinion.

- Janice Weirs, Director, Mary E. Bartlett Library, Brentwood



## Staff Changes

### Longtime Librarian at Shedd Free Library Retiring

After twenty-five years of service to the community of Washington, **Jo Ellen Wright** will be retiring from the Shedd Free Library.

## Library News

### North Hampton Public Library's Upcoming Warrants for Addition and Renovation



North Hampton Public Library has a shovel ready building project! The Library Trustees hired Ron Lamarre of Lavallee Brensinger

Architects, and Bonnette Page & Stone, Contractor, for their expansion and renovation project that will be put to a vote in March of 2020 to fund the project. In recent years the library was part of a campus plan that involved a new library with shared amenities with town offices, and included a new safety complex. That project failed twice to get the required 60% vote, so the Library Trustees listened to the community and decided to expand the existing library with an additional 5,000 square

feet, and renovate the original 5600 square feet, nearly doubling the size of the library.

The addition, which wraps the existing library on three sides will include all the usual gathering places for children, teens, adults and business people, and seeks to welcome library goers into their new community "living room." The project has generated a lot of excitement and support as you can imagine from looking at the "before and after" pictures. The original library was built in 1973 to last 30 years. We are now in our 46th year and ready for a library to serve, renew and inspire our town!



*Proposed Addition*

The Library Trustees began in 2006 to prepare financially for a new or expanded library by creating a capital reserve fund with the town, with voters approving 8 warrant articles to raise a total of \$800,000 with \$200,000 in matching funds and more from the library through donations. We now have a total of \$1.1 million toward the project which will cost

approximately \$3.5 million. We are hopeful that the project will pass since all warrant articles raising funds for the library alone have passed since 2006. - *Susan Grant, Director, North Hampton Public Library*

### **The Amherst Town Library offers a new wireless printing solution**

The new solution, called Princh, is user-friendly and offers the possibility to print and pay from mobile devices, laptops and library PCs. Patrons just download the free Princh app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#). They can also use their laptop for printing, by accessing [print.princh.com](http://print.princh.com). New functionality allows payment a credit card or PayPal directly from the app. For more information, read our [case study](#). - *Sarah Leonardi, Assistant Director, Amherst Town Library*

## Innovative Library Programming

### **Derry held its first Family Place Libraries program**

In January of 2019 Derry Public Library received the great news that it had been chosen for a Family Place grant through the Sandy River Charitable Foundation. The Family Place grant enabled DPL to join five other New Hampshire libraries in the national network of Family Place Libraries.

Derry Public Library is now one of 450 other Family Place Libraries throughout the country that share a commitment "to develop and institutionalize a family friendly environment by transforming libraries into community centers for literacy, early childhood development, parent education and engagement, family support and community information."

Library Director Cara Barlow and Head of Children's Services Ray Fontaine traveled to Centereach, NY in March of 2019 to participate in the Family Place Training Institute. As part of this training, they observed and learned how to run a Parent-Child Workshop. These workshops are the backbone of being a Family Place Library and are held once a week over a period of five weeks. They are an opportunity for parents/caregivers to engage with their toddlers in an informal, play-based environment within the Library. Each week caregivers and children meet and play and are

joined by a different community resource professional, such as a pediatrician, who mingle with the parents and respond to questions they may have.

Family Place Libraries commit to holding this series of workshops at least twice a year. Derry Public Library held its first Caregiver-Child workshop beginning in late September of 2019 with the active participation of 12 families. Local community resource professionals enthusiastically joined in the program. The Derry workshop was visited by a speech and language pathologist, a music therapist, a nutritionist from Hannaford supermarkets, and a pediatrician.

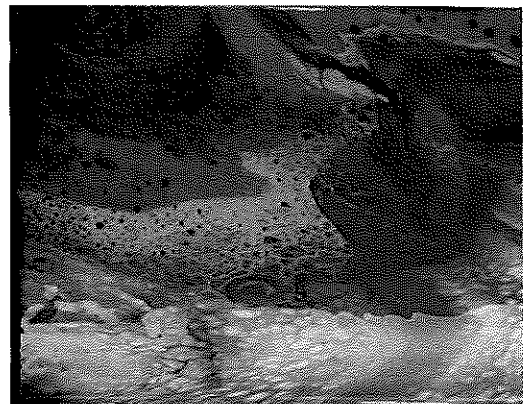
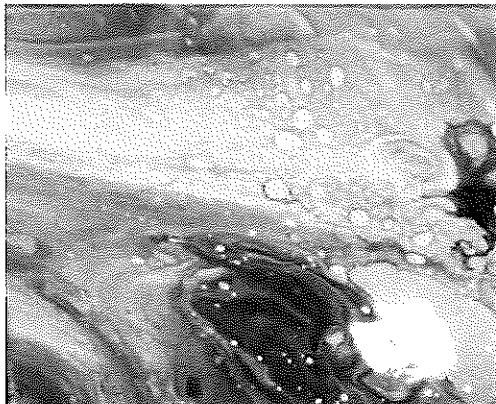


The Family Place Libraries network strives to make its program feasible for libraries of any size, so keep an eye out for grant opportunities. Please feel welcome to visit Derry Public Library to observe our community play area in the Children's Room or contact us if you want to observe a Caregiver-Child Workshop session. - *Cara Potter, Director, Derry Public Library*

Learn [more](#) about Family Place Libraries. NH Family Place Libraries are: Derry, Dover, Farmington, Hooksett, Keene and Nashua.

### **Glow-in-the-Dark Fluid Painting at Laconia Public Library**

The Laconia Public Library has held glow-in-the-dark fluid painting sessions. Amanda Alwyn, Adult Programming Librarian, points to these [instructions](#) for other librarians to use when offering their own programs.



### Conway Public Library Partners with Maine Health

The Conway Public Library has started a collaboration with the newly opened Adult Day Center. Our Youth Services Department has partnered with a nearby daycare to do storytimes that entertain the audience. We read books with bright colors, then sing songs and say rhymes that rekindle memories for the day-center attendees. The day center has provided a snack of cookies and juice for the daycare, then with full bellies we read and sing, and then the day center has another activity for the little ones. It has been a lot of fun.

Our History Curator, Bob Cottrell, has also done some programs there with items from the past. He brought things both specific to certain residents (kitchen) and general period pieces from 1900-1950. The attendees lit up when they recognized and used the period objects. We are now exploring nutrition and memory, since some of the attendees worked in homes and restaurants. It is great when everyone engages and conversations flow. - *Tara McKenzie, Head of Youth Services, Conway Public Library*



### Adopt a Stuffy Puppy at the Chesley Memorial Library

The Chesley Memorial Library, Northwood, celebrated "Adopt a Shelter Dog Month" in October with a new program that proved extremely popular: Adopt a Stuffy Puppy! We provided an assortment of small stuffed dogs and children were invited to attend adoption sessions at the library to pick out a new family member to take home. Once they picked out the puppy they wanted, they took their new friend for a wellness check with a local veterinarian who was on hand to make sure the puppies were healthy before going off to their "fur-ever" homes. Children filled out adoption papers and made their puppies collars with name tags. We plan to hold it again next year with a dog food drive to benefit a local shelter. It was a lot of fun for library staff and patrons and we paired the program with dog book displays throughout the library. Patrons are asking us to hold Adopt a Stuffy

*Kitty next! - Donna Bunker, Director, Chesley Memorial Library, Northwood*

## Professional Development

### Introducing the Strategy of Sustainability

At the New Hampshire Library Association Fall Business meeting on Friday 11/1/2019 at the Hooksett Public Library, attendees had the pleasure of hearing Rebekkah Smith Aldrich speak to the idea of sustainability as a core value of librarianship. Aldrich is the director of the Mid-Hudson Library System in New York, and a long-time proponent of sustainable thinking in libraries.

What does sustainability mean? Aldrich made a very strong case for sustainability being more than greening your library through what we buy and how the library consumes energy. In her book *Sustainable Thinking* (2018), she defines sustainability as *the capacity to endure*. This is very relevant to libraries as long-time community institutions and partners. As Aldrich states on page 41 of her book, "If we agree that libraries are essential to creating a sustainable community, then our capacity to endure is paramount as well." Sustainability should be part of every library's strategic plan. Trustees and library staff should be reflecting on and acting on what their community wants and needs to endure successfully for the long term.

At the American Library Association's 2019 Midwinter meeting in Seattle, I participated as your NH ALA Council member to approve sustainability as a core value of librarianship. At our recent NHLA Fall Business meeting, NHLA members also approved a resolution about sustainability as a core value of librarianship. There is also a new NHLA working group on

sustainability, chaired by Steve Butzel (Portsmouth Public Library).

This movement is about so much more than eco-friendly materials and environmental activism. It is about thriving as communities, with libraries as anchor institutions. Over the next five issues of Granite State Libraries, I'll share more about Aldrich's presentation to the NHLA membership, as well as ideas about how to think about sustainability in your library. Change always starts with an individual... consider how you can effect change by becoming more aware of what it means to be sustainable in your community.

*Lori Fisher, Assistant State Librarian, NHSL, NH ALA Councilor, NHLA Advocacy Committee Chairperson*

### Resources for further information:

[ALA Resolution for the Adoption of Sustainability as a Core Value of Librarianship](#)

[Sustainability: Next, Do These 5 Things](#) (Library Journal 6/7/2019, by R. Smith Aldrich)

[www.sustainablelibraries.org](http://www.sustainablelibraries.org) (website by R. Smith Aldrich)

*Sustainable Thinking* (2018) by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich – available for purchase through the American Library Association; also available for inter-library loan from the NH State Library professional collections. Contact the NHSL circulation desk at 271-2616 to get on the reserve list.

### **Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer project**

The NH State Library is a participant in the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) and the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies second cohort of the Transforming Teen Services: A Train the Trainer Approach project.

As part of the project, **Deborah Dutcher, Youth Services Consultant-NH State Library** will work with **Julia Lanter, Assistant Director-Exeter Public Library** to develop and deliver computational thinking literacy continuing education (CE) to other library staff in their state, who will in turn provide programs and services for/with youth, especially underrepresented youth. The project is generously funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Deborah and Julia, who participated in a three-day training in Memphis on Oct 30 through Nov 1, will deliver a minimum of 30 hours of training to library staff throughout the state and take part in a virtual community of practice over the next two years.

In 2020-2021, the third and final year of the project, a face-to-face summit featuring all project participants will take place in November 2020 in Reno, NV. At the summit, participants will discuss project successes and challenges and share resources that will help with the development of a resource database focused on connected learning and computational thinking activities that will be shared as a free tool to the library community.

Learn more about the Transforming Teen

Services: A Train the Trainer project on YALSA's website. To learn more about how the Deborah and Julia will be serving New Hampshire library staff through this project, please contact Deborah Dutcher.

#### **About YALSA**

The mission of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) is to support library staff in alleviating the challenges teens face, and in putting all teens - especially those with the greatest needs - on the path to successful and fulfilling lives. For more information about YALSA or to access national guidelines and other resources go to [www.ala.org/yalsa](http://www.ala.org/yalsa), or contact the YALSA office by phone, 800-545-2433, ext. 4390; or e-mail: [yalsa@ala.org](mailto:yalsa@ala.org).

#### **About COSLA**

COSLA is an independent organization of the chief officers of state and territorial agencies designated as the state library administrative agency and responsible for statewide library development. Its purpose is to provide leadership on issues of common concern and national interest; to further state library agency relationships with federal government and national organizations; and to initiate cooperative action for the improvement of library services to the people of the United States.

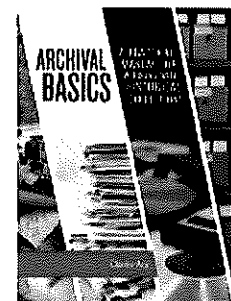
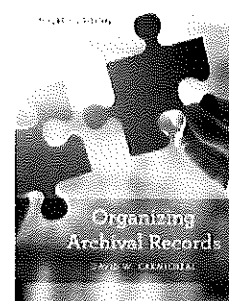
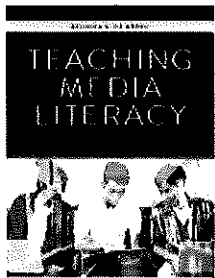
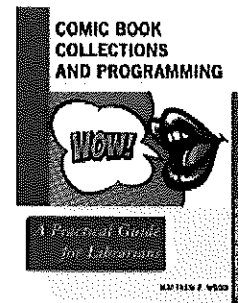
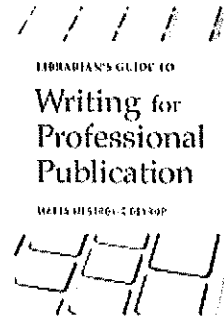
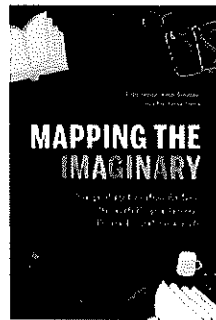
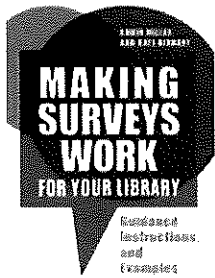
#### **About IMLS**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 35,000 museums. Our mission is to inspire libraries and museums to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement.



*Transforming Teen Service Trainers, Memphis. Photo submitted by Deborah Dutcher, NHSL*

## New Library Science Titles at the State Library



Click to view item record.

### November Early Learning Meet-ups: Curiosity Programming

We are excited to announce a new librarian training program to promote curiosity, inquisitiveness, and investigation within your children's programs with the goal of teaching children of all ages to ask questions, structure experiments, and discover answers.

The early learning meet-up will cover a short review about research design and how to apply these principles when working with young children to foster curiosity and learning. Attendees will also review professional development materials on integrating STEM (STREAM!) in to the 2020 Imagine Your Story theme and will have the opportunity for hands-on practice and role-playing. Upon completing the workshop, attendees will:

- understand the importance of instilling curiosity in young children and how to encourage parents to participate in their children's learning
- be able to design simple age-appropriate experiments for young children based on related books and activities
- bring two fully designed Curiosity programs back to their libraries

Presented by Bobbi Slossar & Deborah Dutcher, NHSL Consultants. Please register for one of the two upcoming workshops:

Tuesday, Nov 19 from 10:30-12:30 at the Lincoln Public Library

Wednesday, Nov 20 from 10:00-12:00 at the Derry Public Library

[Register](#)



## Planning & Presenting Early Literacy Programs Using the Mother Goose on the Loose Method

More insight into early literacy has been gained over the past 20 years than ever before. Research suggests that early literacy skills are greatly multiplied by addressing the foundation of the whole child including critical components of safety, physical well-being and emotional and social growth rather than only focusing on academic school readiness skills. Easy to plan and easy to present, Mother Goose on the Loose programs seamlessly combine music, movement, books, rhymes, puppets, and fingerplays in fun ways that address the Whole Child while helping children develop language and self-regulation skills.

This interactive workshop explores the science regarding the human brain and early childhood development, translating it into ways that can positively impact children's learning and family relationships. Knowledge of the Mother Goose on the Loose theory and method can be easily used to increase family engagement in all currently running programs. Workshop participants receive the tools necessary to plan and facilitate this award winning, early literacy program.

Workshop participants will:

- **UNDERSTAND** the research on childhood development
- **MASTER** the structure, formula, and principles of *Mother Goose on the Loose*®
- **LEARN** to create fun, high-quality early literacy programs
- **ACQUIRE** techniques for engaging infants and toddlers
- **DISCOVER** new ways to educate and involve parents and caregivers
- **INTERACT** with colleagues to share knowledge and ideas



Dr. Betsy Diamant-Cohen is known for educating children's librarians by combining research findings with practical programming. Based on her experiences working as a children's librarian in public libraries and children's museums for more than 25 years, Dr. Betsy believes that the best way to learn is through play. Betsy was recently awarded the 2018 Vattermare Award for Creativity in Libraries and has two new books released this year by ALA Editions.

**Event Timing: December 17, 2019 9am - 4 pm**

**Event Address: Hooksett Public Library, 31 Mount Saint Mary's Way, Hooksett, NH**

**Note: Bring your own beverages and lunch. Please bring a pair of scissors.**

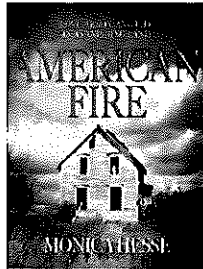
*This FREE Family Engagement Initiative Professional Development Opportunities funded by the Endowment for Health*

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**Recommended Book Group Titles**

*Looking for fresh titles to recommend to your book clubs?*



Brittany Shanahan, Youth Services Librarian at the Hall Memorial Library, recommends true crime. She states that the genre “lends itself well to a discussion about everything from mental health to living conditions.

The non-murder aspect can allow the conversation to progress without the added heat of victim-blaming.” Her recommendation is **American Fire** by Monica Hesse (2017).



Eileen Gilbert, director of the Belmont Public Library also recommends the nonfiction work, **The Hello Girls: America's First Women Soldiers** by Elizabeth Cobbs (2017), citing “strong themes of women's suffrage and

patriotism.”

Every four years, US presidential candidates file to run in the NH Presidential Primary. Between 10/30/2019 and 11/15/2019, the filing period for those candidates takes place at the NH State House, across the street from the NH State Library. Below is one of the perennial presidential candidates, Vermin Supreme, with our NHSL “stats man” Tim Rohe. To learn more about which candidates have filed to run in the NH Primary, visit <https://sos.nh.gov/>. The NH primary will (most likely) take place on February 11, 2020 – the NH Secretary of State will announce the official final date soon.

**-Lori Fisher, Assistant State Librarian, NHSL**



Brittany Overton, director of the Minot-Sleeper Memorial Library, recommends a work of fiction “that weaves two narratives from different perspectives that address cultural differences, current events, and what it means to

live in the now.” **A Tale for the Time Being** by Ruth Ozeki (2013) received two starred reviews from Publishers Weekly and Kirkus.



Donna Bunker, director of the Chesley Memorial Library, recommends the memoir, **The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio** by Terry Ryan (2001), stating that “the ‘contest era’ theme delighted our entire group! It sparked a lively conversation about the

way life used to be in the fifties and sixties with some members sharing personal recollections and other members comparing family life in a “simpler” era to family life now.”



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## MEMORNDUM

To: Bryan Kaenrath, Town Administrator  
From: Stephen M. Bennett  
Date: August 15, 2019  
Re: Renovation/Construction of the Public Library

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You have requested that we opine as to which public body, the Select Board or the Library Trustees, has the authority to determine the design, renovation and/or construction of the Town's public library.

Library trustees have the **"entire custody and management of the public library and all property of the town relating thereto**, including appropriations held pursuant to RSA 202-A:11 (III)." RSA 202-A:6. The New Hampshire Supreme Court has cited the phrase "entire custody and management of the public library" in support of its conclusion that the public library "is a separate and distinct entity from the town." *Town of Littleton v. Taylor*, 138 N.H. 419, 422 (1994). The Legislature also authorizes and requires the library trustees to make a "separate budget request ... for a new construction, capital improvements of existing properties." RSA 202-A:11 (II). The library trustees, upon approval of the town budget, are also authorized to "[e]xpend all moneys raised and appropriated by the town ... for library purposes." RSA 202-A:11 (III).

The wording of these provisions strongly points to a legislative intent to invest all authority for managing and controlling the public library in the elected library trustees. "Entire" is defined as "having no element or part left out: Whole" and "complete in degree: Total." Miriam-Webster Dictionary (on-line version, 2009). This exclusive control is extended to "all property in the town related to" the public library. The library trustees are responsible for determining the budget for renovating and/or constructing library buildings and, when appropriations are approved, it is the library trustees who are tasked with expending those monies. This language would prohibit the Select Board from directing the expenditure of appropriations designated for designing and/or constructing library buildings.

We conclude, based upon the above, that the planning, design and construction of library buildings lies exclusively with the library trustees, subject to the appropriation process.

Questions for Attorney Bennett

9-23-19

Reference his Memo, 8-15-19

Attorney Bennett:

Does your opinion imply:

1. The Trustees Library expansion plan includes building up to the lot line of the "Homestead lot", adjacent Town property. With 0' setback, this will devalue that lot and limit its future use. Does your opinion include such a right of the Trustees?
2. The present library is very close to the original Town Library which was repurposed for Town use long ago. It is now the location of our Town Clerk/Tax Collector function. It shares the same parking lot as the existing Library. This already busy small parking will not be sufficient for the Town Clerk/Tax collector function as well the expanded Library, 48% larger. Does your opinion include such a right of Trustees?
3. The proposed expansion of the Library will lessen the distance between the Stone building (Tax Collector), a registered historic treasure from 20' to approximately 11 feet. These two buildings share the same lot and have done so since the existing library was constructed in 1978. Does your opinion entitle the Library Trustees to diminish the value and utility of the historic building by such encroachment and the lot it is on? *Potentially POTENTIALLY*
4. The Library Trustees intend the Library to remain open during construction. Does the Select Board have the right to protect the Homestead lot from being used for any purpose by the Library Trustees construction project, in the event it happens? The Homestead has never been controlled by the Library Trustees.

*Point outside perimeter of proposed liby expansion  
on ground*

## MEMORNDUM

To: Bryan Kaenrath

From: Stephen M. Bennett

Date: October 7, 2019

Re: Selectmen Miller's Question Regarding the Proposed Expansion of the Library

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My opinion dated August 15, 2019 dealt solely with the question of which Town Board has the statutory authority to control the design and construction of the Town's public library. The following are my responses to Selectman Miller's question.

1. The Library Trustees have the authority (right) to design and construct a public library consistent with state law. Construction on nearby lots often effects a property's value. However, unless the new construction constitutes a nuisance or presents a health or safety risk or violates state law or local ordinance, a property owner has the right to develop their property
2. See response to #1. I cannot opine on the adequacy of the shared parking. However, I don't believe you can necessarily assume that there will be a large increase in the number of library users due solely to an increase in the size of the library building.
3. See response to #1.
4. The Town always has a right to protect its real property from incursions by abutting property owners. Generally, when a project is undertaken by one town agency which requires access over abutting town property, an agreement (temporary easement) is reached which requires that areas disturbed by the construction project on the abutting property be returned to the same condition as before the construction began.