

Town of Granby
Granby Library Board Meeting
Minutes
September 11, 2023

Members present: Judy Guarco, Chairman, Robert Donna, Vice-Chairperson, Kristal Fiorentino, Sandra Fischer, Pam Jones, Hillary Peterson, Ellen Thomson, Paul Willis

Staff: Amber Wyzik, Director of Library Services

Absent: Catherine Watso

Call to order: A quorum was present, and Chairman Guarco called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Review of Agenda: No changes.

Review and Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by P. Willis, seconded by P. Jones, the Board voted (8-0-0) to approve the minutes of June 12, 2023.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Library Director's Report:

August at the Granby Public Library brought an end to our Summer Reading program. We had over 800 patrons sign up for the Summer Reading program. Prizes donated by the community, and the Friends of Granby Public Libraries, were awarded to over 20 participants.

8,000+ Patron Visits	4,972 Borrowed Items	21 Library Programs	257 Program Attendees
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A few highlighted programs included our August Crayon Drive. This program called, “The Day the Crayons went to the Library” (based on the children’s book by Drew Daywalt, “The Day the Crayons Came Home”), invited children to donate their old crayons that will be sent to an organization that will recycled them into new crayons. This helped prevent the 100’s of thousands of crayon trash that goes in to landfills each year. Patrons of all ages celebrated the completion of summer reading with a “Didgeridoo Down Under” performance. This included a musician who specializes in the didgeridoo, shares information about Australia and spreads awareness of environmental issues and kindness. Adults enjoyed a matinee movie, time spent with therapy dogs and learned 12 tips to managing anxiety.

We are still pursuing the use of ARPA funds towards updating the library’s space. Currently the projects include new carpets, paint and ceiling. We have received an estimate for project costs and are now investigating other funding opportunities available through the Connecticut State Library. We are also considering using ARPA funds to bring an architect on board to support this process and do a feasibility study on a potential addition.

The Friends of Granby Public Libraries has given us the grant check from the HFPG Pomeroy Brace grant for the Cossitt Library Restoration, the RFP was posted to our website and the legal notice will go out in this weekend's Sunday Hartford Courant. The STEAP grant for the Cossitt sidewalks was submitted.

Library of Things Grand Reveal will be in early October. Homebound delivery policy continues to be in the works.

Cossitt Library will be undergoing a transformation. We will be presenting the Cossitt Creation Station to the community this Spring.

Liaisons Reports:

FOGPL – A. Wyzik, Director, reported the Friends annual Used Book Sale yielded \$12,500 and a thank you brunch will be held later this month at Granby Public Library.

GLA – Did not meet.

Old Business:

The Granby Public Library of Things Circulation and Collection Development Policy was reviewed. On a motion by E. Thomson seconded by P. Willis, the Board approved the policy with recommended changes 8-0-0.

The Homebound Delivery Service Policy will be rereviewed for next month's meeting.

New Business:

D. La Valle, Director, Division of Library Development, CT State Library, was unable to attend the meeting. A. Wyzick, Director, distributed copies of Best Practices in CT Public Libraries, a tool for a library's self-evaluation to identify where the library is doing well and to identify areas of weakness. D. La Valle plans to attend the GLB October 10 meeting.

A. Wyzk, Director, presented a slide presentation to revamp Cossitt Library into the Cossitt Creation Station sponsored by the Friends of Granby Public Libraries. The downstairs will be redesigned into "stations" with items such as, a sewing machine, a Cricut, a 3D printer. The upstairs will house a circulating collection of print and non-print materials that correspond to the various stations, as well as other craft and how-to materials. Cossitt Library will close in November and reopen in spring 2024.

Next Meeting:

On a motion by P. Willis seconded by S. Fischer, the next Granby Library Board will meet on Tuesday, October 10 at Granby Public Library at 7:00 p.m. And the Monday, November 13 meeting will be held at Cossitt Library at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: On a motion by P. Willis seconded by E. Thompson, the Board voted 8-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Gilbert