

CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LIBRARY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
JANUARY 15, 2019

Present: Kerry Cronin: Library Director, Mav Pardee, Committee Chair,  
Tara Edelman, Dennis Fiori, Beverly Gauthier, Lindsay Howard, Pat Nelson  
Excused: Carl Vause  
Observer: Ingrid Detweiler: League of Women Voters

1. The December 2018 and May 2018 minutes were reviewed and accepted with minor changes.
2. Branch Librarian Stephanie Rivera was unable to join us for this meeting, but will be invited to be our guest in March. Stephanie is serving on the John Newbery Award Committee. We look forward to hearing from her about the selection process for the coveted award.
3. Representatives from the Capital Campaign Committee will be invited to report on their progress at our February meeting.

4. Long Range Planning Process:

- Consultant Jay Vogt, who helped with our 2016-2020 Long Range Plan, will assist with the updated version, much of which will be connected to the upcoming building project.
- After meeting with Kerry and Mav, Jay drafted a proposal for the planning process that the committee reviewed, discussed and approved.
- Included in the plan is a community listening session tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2019 at CCHS. It would include sharing about the changing role of libraries as well as the priorities and initiatives embedded in the library's expansion. Small group discussions would follow to address the questions: How can the library best meet your needs as we expand? How can the library increase opportunities for human connection? How can the library be a better place that works for everyone?
- As well as gathering information, the Library Committee hopes the session would create enthusiasm and ignite citizens' imaginations about the possibilities the expansion will offer.
- After the session, results would be documented and synthesized into a final document.

5. Library Director's Report:

- In December, WBZ featured the 25<sup>th</sup> gingerbread house Dr. Resiniti donated to CFPL.
- The January 13<sup>th</sup> CCHS Study Day broke the record for attendance.
- Before the end of January, the "Library of Things" will be launched at the Main Library. It will include videos on how to use the "things".
- On Feb. 4, in collaboration with the Minuteman ARC, CFPL will launch a Next Chapter Book Club using CFPL staff selected large print, high interest, low readability titles.
- Lara Wilson, Friends of CFPL board member and Festival of Authors coordinator, has arranged to have National Book Award winner Sigrid Nunez as this year's Festival of Authors keynote speaker on 10/20.

Next Library Committee meeting: February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., Main Library Trustee's Room

Documents Distributed:

- Meeting agenda
- Committee minutes from December 2018 and May 2018
- Library Director's Report
- Jay Vogt's Planning Process draft
- Cary Library's Principles, Priorities and Values document

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beverly Gauthier