

MINUTES

Dennis Library Board

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~~Thursday April 11, 2019 4:37pm~~ / Dennis Public Library/ Meeting called to order by Kate Byron

In Attendance

Members of the Dennis Library Board in attendance were Kate Byron, Cindy Cullen, Jamie Forster, Marilyn Mooers, Pat O'Donnell, Walter Phinney and Carol Tarala. Not attending were Ann Aboody, Susan Kelley, and Lew Taylor.

Minutes of the March 14th meeting were approved as amended.

Director's Report

- Trisha Ford from CLAMS has asked Cindy Cullen to participate on the CLAMS Board, representing the unique qualities of the Dennis libraries, among other strengths.
- State Aid (\$21,250) should be received by the town by the end of April. The town will then process and distribute the money to the libraries at that point.
- The Register Digitization Project came in under the budgeted amount from the CPC Grant, so the funds will now include 5 years of viewing and hosting.
- The theme for summer reading programs for 2019 is "A Universe of Stories". Nylon bags with "Reach for the Stars" have been purchased for participants.
- The Story Walk at all five libraries will return this summer with the "Disappearing Island", non-fiction story of Billingsgate Island. The dates will be from June 24th – August 30th.

Librarian Reports

- Read Around Dennis had a good turnout at each library during March and is finished for 2019. A variety of favorite titles were read, rather than the works of a particular author as in past years. Kate will send a thank you to Kevin Depin and his staff.
- The A-Z World Food Data Base is up and running at all the libraries.
- A parent group at Wixon is still looking into the possibility of adding Over-Drive and MLS delivery to make more titles and e-books available to students. It has met some resistance from another group of parents who don't want more screen time for their children. Nothing has been finalized yet.
- Dennis Public and Dennis Memorial were represented at the D-Y system STREAM Sci- Fi Night. Hands-on Coding, LEGO, and craft activities were set up for younger children at the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Library for the K-12 event.
- Nancy is still trying to come up with a plan for "More Than Words", a free book pick up service, to expand to CLAMS libraries. Getting rid of discarded books is a challenge for Cape libraries, as weeding unused and little circulated items is necessary for an up to date, effective library system.

Announcements

- Kate will be working on a coverage schedule for Little Libraries by the Sea. She would like Board members to email her their preferences.