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# MINUTES

Dennis Library Board

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14 2019 4:30 PM / DENNIS TOWN CLERK  
Thursday February 14 2019 4:30 pm / Dennis Public Library/ Meeting called to order by Kate Byron

## In Attendance

Members of the Dennis Library Board in attendance were Ann Aboody, Kate Byron, Cindy Cullen, Jamie Forster, Susan Kelley, Marilyn Mooers, Pat O'Donnell, Walter Phinney, Carol Tarala, and Lew Taylor. Directors of the West Dennis, South Dennis, and Dennis Memorial Libraries attended the meeting. Marilyn Mooers was welcomed to the Board as the representative from Jacob Sears Library.

Minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting were approved as amended with the correction of Anne Speyer and Veronica Hernandez names, and the phrase "will remain in CLAMS" regarding Falmouth's current status.

## Director's Report

Cindy Cullen reported that State Aid had been dispersed by check to the village libraries. She also said the final total for the FY20 library budget had still not been determined due to continuing contract negotiations. The annual ethics tutorial requirement is due by all Library Board members on April 1, 2019. The information needed is on the town website. Once successfully completed, you are asked to print out the completion certificate and return it to the Town Clerk's office.

The *Register's* Digitization Kick-Off was held on February 14, 2019. Kate Byron and Cindy Cullen attended and reported that a link connecting the data base to the Dennis Libraries will be in place soon.

## Library Reports

The Library Directors met on February 5, 2019. Cindy reported:

- Multilingual information pamphlets are being designed for parents who do not speak fluent English. They will be distributed through Ezra Baker and the libraries. Information will include services available at each of the Dennis libraries and through CLAMS.
- The libraries are trying to recruit Library Language Ambassadors- volunteers to help limited English speaking patrons use the Dennis Libraries and their services.
- Hollin will be compiling an inventory of foreign language items available, many from last fall's Education Foundation Grant. Each library will list their own inventory and it will be compiled into a master list, to help make it easier to find items.
- The Summer Recreation Pamphlet will be published soon and, as requested by Phil, will now include the street names and zip codes of each library. This policy will also be followed for any publication by the libraries, such as bookmarks or pamphlets. It is thought to make searching via GPS and other devices easier for locating the libraries.
- Read Around Dennis begins on Wednesday March 6, 2019 and continues on Wednesday evenings until April 3, 2019.

## Library News

## **South Dennis-**

South Dennis Library has joined the "Pajama" drive to collect new children's pajamas (sizes newborn-teens) to be donated to those in need. New pajamas may be dropped off at the library from February 1st – March 13<sup>th</sup>. South Dennis will host the first Read Around Dennis program on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at Ezra Baker.

## **Dennis Memorial Library-**

Take Your Child to the Library Day will be held on Saturday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:00pm. LEGO, crafts and story time will be ongoing through the afternoon.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup> the library will host Celtic Music with Julie and Denya at 3:00 pm. The concert is free and reservations are recommended

The History of the Cultivated Cranberry will be co-sponsored by the Dennis Historical Society and the Dennis Memorial Library with a \$5.00 donation on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.

February Vacation brings a STEM program on Magnets and How They Work -including hands-on experiments for children ages 7- 12 on Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Dennis Public Library** – Programs scheduled for the Library include:

My Life as a Turkey – February 2<sup>nd</sup> and A Murder of Crows- February 16<sup>th</sup> are the last two documentaries to be viewed in the All About Birds series that has taken place this winter.

The History of the Irish Harp Through the Ages and an Irish Concert is scheduled for Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon.

February school vacation activities include Pop Up Art on Wednesday February 20<sup>th</sup> at noon, 4-H Babysitting Course February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am (registration required), and the Pitter Patter Puppets on Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm.

Girls Who Code (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will start on Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> and will continue on Saturdays through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

In March a Mad Writers' Tea Party will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 5 pm.

## **West Dennis Library –**

On the second Wednesday of the month West Dennis Library hosts Movie Day at 4:00pm. February's feature was Can You Ever Forgive Me, featuring Melissa McCarthy. Free popcorn and coffee are provided.

The second grade from Ezra Baker will make a field trip to the library on Monday February 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be two classes in the morning and two in the afternoon.

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## **New Business**

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Jamie Forster presented information on Mobile – Mini Golf – a program that will be offered at the Snow Library in Orleans. She thought that Dennis Libraries might be interested in a similar program.

The next meeting of the Dennis Library Board is scheduled for Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Details to be announced.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tarala Secretary