

NPL Friends Meeting (Zoom)

April 12, 2021

Attendees:

Jill Angel
Judy Blachek
Sue Carey
Elsa Conrad
Carol Eyman
Calann Hertel
Vickie Hill
Michelle Podsiedlik
Jenifer Smith
Tom Woodward
Lara Moody
Mimi Crowley
Dorothy Perrucci

Next meeting: May 10, 2021

Welcome and intros

Review of March minutes: Tabled until next month

Treasurer's Update for March: Approved

Review updates only:

DCU account balances total:	
DCU checking balance:	\$2,743.60
DCU savings balance:	\$32,755.29
DCU PayPal:	\$1,227.39

Petty cash: 150.95

Membership:

- 156 as of April 12 , 2021

Infrastructure Update

- Update on volume buyers—
 - Buyers from bookstores very happy, but interest is waning.
 - Will invite large buyers into the room during the Pop Up Sale.
 - We have buyers interested in buying from the record collection before the large sale. We will need to price collection first.
- Program on Boston history with David Kruh review.
 - Rated 4.9/5 on survey completed by 25 of 75 attendees.
 - Discussed return visit possible topics: Boston Fires, Scollay Square, Building Route 128, No More Curse, Ponzi Scheme, Explore Presidential landmarks in New England for February (Presidents Day), The Big Dig.
 - We will explore Presidential landmarks in New England for February 2022 (Presidents Day)
- On-line Donation button on website now active. We can also use this for large book buyers paying by credit card. This will be set up to accept recurring donations
- July 14: Mary Johnson and Dr. Patty Hlava of Awaken Peace Healing: [Home | Health Consultant | AwakenPeace](#) *Tips for Navigating the Emotional Terrain of Post-Pandemic Life*
- Library COVID Rules – Jen M. has sent an update:
 - Mask continue to be required, (unless you are at your workstation) even if you are fully vaccinated,
 - Six feet of social distance required,
 - Staff and volunteers still required to quarantine for 10 days after travel out of New England,
 - Materials now quarantined for 24 hours
 - Library patrons must wear masks
- Martha Hall Kelly – Sue will contact and offer 500.00 for a Summer Virtual Visit discussing *Sunflower Sisters*. Carol will get good dates for the library. Must have event booked by April 30th to post in Library Calendar.
- Pop Up Sales – Possible Dates: Saturday 5/22 (6/5 Rain Date) – Carol will contact Peacock Players to confirm their concert. We can leave side door open, and let in up to 5 large buyers at a time, minimum of seven volunteers needed.

Manchester Library Read a thon – Twenty-four Hours, Authors read and answered questions, some prerecorded, goal to advertise that you can donate on-line – We discussed this idea and decided against it at this time.

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Director's update –

We plan to announce the Nashua Reads titles to the public at the Downtown Book Group meeting on Friday, May 14, at 3 pm.

The dedication of the Court Street building was held on September 26, 1971. We'll be holding some sort of anniversary celebration this year on Sunday, September 26.

Our new online catalog interface went live in early April. There are still some bugs to be worked out but in general we are happy with the results. The mobile app is greatly improved.

The trustees approved a plan for reopening the children's room, hopefully in the late spring if the COVID metrics we use are favorable. The plan can be viewed in the director's report, which is posted in the April trustees agenda at nashuanh.gov/AgendaCenter/Nashua-Public-Library-Board-of-Trustees-42.

Also in that file is a statement from Jen McCormack concerning the library's decision to keep the five Dr. Seuss books that the publishers are no longer publishing. It reads, in part:

Libraries are not meant to be safe spaces where no one is confronted by images or ideas that offend them, even picture books are inevitably going to include content that some parents will not want to share with their children. The fact that the images in question feature racial stereotypes that are in conflict with our goal of being a welcoming space may make it feel harder to keep the books but removing Dr. Seuss books from our collection when they are in demand by customers and are part of a larger body of work by an author would be censorship. The ALA's Freedom to Read and Library Bill of Rights are incorporated into our materials selection policy and our Request for Reconsideration form, and we have defended the inclusion of other books in our collection when they were challenged both formally and informally based on that same policy. The library can demonstrate our commitment to racial equity and being welcoming by continuing to build an excellent collection of newly published materials and featuring the best in children's literature in our displays, programs and story times.

Financial Requests/Grants – nothing new

2021 Nashua Reads – Virtual or In-person – TBD, Event will be free if virtual Begin selling tickets August First

Bookshop.org – consortium of independent bookstores -

Action Items

Judy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact new Amherst record store about our album
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	<p>inventory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pop Up Book Sale Publicity • Contact David Kruh about Presidential Landmarks in New England Presentation for February 2022 (Presidents Day)
Jill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Carol on choosing amounts for recurring donations
Margie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send notice to members about Pop Up Sale
Carol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up donation button to accept recurring donations • Add info on Friends Meeting to Library Website Calendar • Contact Peacock Players to confirm their concert for 5/22 • Get Sue possible dates for MHK
Sue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact MHK Return Virtual Visit Sunflower Sisters • Send Vickie Kids books titles