

Concord Public Library Trustee Meeting

October 1, 2012

Present: Marian Akey, Jeremy Clemans, Megan De Vorsey, Paula Miner, Elizabeth Mulholland, Lisa Sands, and Library Director Patricia Immen

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted.

Director's Report:

- CIP (Capital Improvement Projects): Until this year, the CIP out-year projects included money to buy land for a new library in FY 2013. That item has been moved to FY 2022. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the CIP out-years sometime this fall or after the first of the year.
- There is no news on the proposed Heights Community Center. The City and the Concord School District are still negotiating the terms of the transfer.
- The lower level lounge has been designated a quiet study area. The Library Director is working with community service providers for the homeless to help strategize how to best serve the homeless.
- Concord Reads: Programs have begun. The author event with Anita Shreve will occur on October 11.
- E-books: The Director provided several articles about e-books. This prompted a discussion about the variable cost of e-books to libraries. The trustees discussed how to present this information to the City Council.
- The trustees requested information on the use of staff behind the scenes. The Library Director explained about the variety of jobs that must be performed outside of customer service.

Foundation News: The Foundation passed a budget in September. Shawn LaFrance is the new chair of the Foundation.

New Business--Penacook Branch Library: The City has issued a Request for Qualifications, Experience & Proposals on the Penacook Tannery site. The trustees expressed concern over the financial implications of a new, larger Penacook branch.

Old Business: Old business was covered in the Director's report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan De Vorsey