

Starksboro Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Monday, Sept. 11, 2023 | 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Trustees in Attendance	Katie Antos-Ketcham, Christa Finnern, Jake Mendell, and Leah Hamilton
Others in Attendance	Catherine Goldsmith, SPL Director
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.
2. Opener	Moment of silence.
3. Approval of June Minutes	Discussion - None Motion to approve minutes as written - Jake Second - Christa All in favor; motion passed
4. Librarian's Report	<p>Lynn Stewart-Parker will be retiring effective December 15. Catherine will be hiring for a Library Clerk.</p> <p>Starksboro will be one of the locations for a "Piano Crawl" on October 20 by UVM Music & Comp Professor David Feurzeig. He is driving his solar-powered electric car to all 251 towns to spread music and his "live locally" message. He will play Robinson at 2:30 and the other times are TBD for the Baptist Church, Meeting House, Town Hall (piano crawl). He will play at the Common Ground Center in the evening at 7pm. It's the fall festival that weekend and the Common Ground Center closing weekend.</p> <p>Consumer Reports is now available on-line for patrons who are here in the library. Catherine has been buying more magazines and "People" seems to be most popular.</p> <p>There might still be a fall concert.</p> <p>Oct 14 is the date for the Liz Fairchild memorial in the library.</p>

	<p>The Harvest Festival will be on the weekend of Oct 21. The library should consider how the library might be involved. Why do I love Starksboro? (writing) Starksboro Trivia. What's your Starksboro story (art/writing?) Booksale wasn't that popular (could be free). "Vote" on your favorite genre with stickers (interactive).</p> <p>Catherine has a job description for a weekly storytime. It has been edited and is ready to share.</p> <p>Catherine is wondering about families being able to use the upstairs for a place for kids to play. It could be a way to be valuable to families who may not check-out books.</p>
<p>5. New Business Town Hall Accessibility Committee Update</p> <p>American Library Association Accessibility grant update</p> <p>A. Operations Policy - vote B. Bylaws - review drafts C. Materials - consider revisions</p>	<p>Katie notified the Board that the Town Hall Accessibility Committee received notification it was awarded a \$30k grant from the VT Arts Council for the vertical lift project. We also have received a \$20k grant from ALA for accessibility. Catherine will be planning the Community Conversations that are a required part of the ALA grant. Catherine recommended the Town Hall Committee might have an event to inform the community more about the upstairs project.</p> <p>The ALA Grant will have a town-wide mailing in mid-Sept and a Community Conversation in mid-October. The message is that we are working to improve accessibility at the library and we'd like to hear from you.</p> <p>Operations Policy: Discussion - None Motion to approve new policy - Christa Second - Jake Operations policy passed unanimously.</p> <p>Bylaws Policy: Discussion: The Board considered wording from Middlebury's library around Board vacancies and absences.</p>

	Motion to approve the bylaws - Leah Second - Christa Bylaws policy passed unanimously. Our October 9 meeting has been changed to October 16.
6. Adjournment	6:30
Upcoming Meetings	October 16, 2023

Agenda item:

- Upstairs play policy
- Materials policy
- Community engagement with the library

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Antos-Ketcham