



**Norridgewock Board of Library Trustees  
Meeting Minutes  
August 17, 2023  
3:00 PM  
Norridgewock Public Library – Mercer Rd.**

Meeting opened at 3:00 PM.

Present: Marnie Bottesch, Becky Ketchum, Jean Lancaster, Jill Lawrence, Gloria Nicholson, and Librarian Kelli Dorais

A Big Welcome for our new librarian, Kelli Dorais!

Minutes of Last Meeting: Reviewed and approved (June 22).

Feedback: Four Summer Story Times were very successful: a good draw locally, and daycare group attended a few as well. Yoga and Fire Safety Day events were held on 8/5 in competition with many big regional events, impacting turnout. The yoga event was well-received by those who did attend – ideal location and a beautiful day. Many thanks to Liz Bailey for running this event. Fire Safety Day: originally, this event was held the second weekend of July. Suggest going back to this time next year. People seem to have more time earlier in the summer than later.

**On-going Business:**

- Summer Book Challenge: Discussed finale: ice cream cone gift certificate for participants during the final week (Jean volunteered to secure these). There are a lot of younger readers this year; we need more age-oriented prizes for winners (raffle drawing and winner of most books read).
- Oosoola Days: details/staffing, supplies & merchandise discussed. The library will have tables on both days. Airport: Jill & Jean; Park: Kelli & Marnie. Will offer library-themed tattoos, craft masks, and some free books (including Gov't Money Master books recently received by the library). Also, if we can access an electrical outlet (RL?), we will take free photos using our portable printer. Agreed on having an Oosoola-related "workshop" on Thursday, August 24 at 10 to prepare the craft (librarian and several trustees).
- Online newspaper status has not changed. Set up but not officially launched. The current set-up provides access from one computer. Access by icon, no password (this allows library to keep the password confidential)
- Marnie reported that Chewonki Owls is tentatively set for October 21 at the Grange. Jill volunteered to be at the desk, and Kelli will attend the event. Reminder: We must still check this date versus the school calendar and sporting events.
- Story Time will begin in September. Gloria said two more people would like to help with the kids. Kelli reported that story time is a high priority for her. She would like to expand the program to twice per month. Becky suggested that Story Time planning be handled as a separate internal library meeting (Monthly Updates for the Library Board; plans/details of story time events handled by librarian workshops with interested trustees and friends of the library).

- Adult Programs: Currently, two adult programs are on the schedule: Native Plants on October 7 and paper Christmas ornaments, scheduled for November 11. Wreath-making is tentatively planned for December 2.
- Fine Arts: Kelli will work with Nina on scheduling programs. The first fall program will be with Tammi Galbraith, an illustrator. The date has not been finalized; September 23 is currently proposed.

**Other:**

- Book Club: Kelli plans to get this up and running later in the year.
- Monthly Book Purchases: It was agreed that we will continue to purchase some books monthly. The monthly "book picks" scheme is no longer required. Kelli will handle purchases; Trustees who have suggestions will give them to the librarian.

Next Meeting: September 28 @ 3:30.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM

Submitted by Becky Ketchum 08/22/2023

# LIBRARY CALENDAR

X = School closures  
Fall 23 to June 24

Reminders:  
9/16-23  
11/16-25

T = Board: 4th Thursdays  
Story Time  
3rd Thursdays  
@ 10:30  
(Full start-up  
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