

**Board of Library Trustees  
Minutes 01/09/2013**

**Present:** Jeanne Ivas (chair), Henry Goldman, Kathryn Mudgett, Christine Smith, Sarah Summers, Mike Yee, Becky Freer (director), Judy McConarty

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Jeanne.

**Minutes/Reports:** Minutes and reports were deferred to the next meeting.

**Budget:** Discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

**Sunday Hours:** Becky reported that the first Sunday of the library's trial period went well. There were about 65 visitors and several positive comments about the new hours.

**Meeting with the Selectmen:** Becky reviewed topics to be addressed with board of selectmen. Recent and upcoming library initiatives include:

- **Norwell Reads:** The library is planning this upcoming town-wide reading event, to be held in April-May. This year's selection is the Gardner Heist by Ulrich Boser.
- **Alzheimer/Dementia Series:** Becky is collaborating with local adult wellness center, CareWell, to offer an elder care series, to start in February.
- **Volunteer Fair:** The library will hold a Volunteer Fair this spring. Local organizations in need of volunteers can sign up for a table in the library during the event. The community will be invited to attend to learn about the wide array of volunteer opportunities.
- **CardStar APP / Scanners:** The library has purchased new scanners that can scan library card barcodes stored in CardStar and similar APPs. Patrons with smart phones may now use this technology in lieu of their library cards.
- **Digitization Project:** The library has joined the Digital Commonwealth and is exploring the digitization of town reports, high school yearbooks and a postcard collection held by the Norwell Historical Society.
- **Sunday Hours:** The library is offering a trial period of Sunday hours from January through April.
- **Zinio:** The Old Colony Library Network has purchased Zinio - a digital platform that allows patrons to download magazines to computers or mobile devices.
- **Disability Grant:** Becky is applying for a \$10,000 disability grant. The funding would enable the library to purchase software, furniture and equipment to improve access and usability.
- **Author Visit:** Roland Merullo, the author of *Talk Funny Girl*, *Lunch with Buddha* and other titles, will be speaking at the library in January.

Among the challenges that the library is facing:

- **Accessibility:** The library is not handicapped accessible.
- **New Formats:** Purchasing eBooks, audiobooks and other digital content - while maintaining print, CD, DVD and other existing collections - strains the library's material budget.
- **Space Limitations:** Seating and meeting space is very limited. The library's total materials collection of approximately 65,000 items is 3,000 items over capacity.

**Comments:** Chris asked what volunteer help the library needs so that she can let Churchillers know. Becky suggested landscaping & grounds clean-up.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm. Recorded by Judy McConarty