

Urban Library Administrators Consortium

Keene Public Library

Friday, May 19, 2017

Coffee 9:30 am, Meeting 10 am

Minutes

In attendance: Charlie Matthews (Hudson), (Todd Fabian (Concord), Brian Sylvester (Rochester), Nancy Vincent (Keene)

1. Charlie welcomed all.
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
 - Approved minutes of the March Meeting in Manchester
3. Treasurer's Report
Mary Ann sent the treasurer's report: Balance of \$2,828.76 with >.03 in interest. The NHLA conference basket reimbursement request for \$39.74 has been submitted.
4. Association reports
 - a) NHSL- No report
 - b) NHAIS- Todd reported on the status of the State Library's request for funding of the new ILS. As of now, the funding remains in the Senate budget which is under review. The request has not been brought to the Senate floor for debate and has not garnered discussion. The budget needs to be approved by June 30.
 - c) NHLA There has not been a meeting. The conference went well. Good topics and good speakers.
 - d) NELA Conference will be October 22-24 in South Burlington, Vermont.
 - e) ALA: PLA Todd and Randy are going to ALA June 22-27 in Chicago. PLA is March 20-24, 2018 in Philadelphia.
5. NHLA Conference recaps.
Good programs in general. The following were especially noted:

NHLA Lobbyist Bob Dunn good presentation on "Politics in NH" and when to get active.

Adventures in Facilities: Mary Ann spoke about Bedford's Geothermal HVAC Project and Denise spoke about the renovations at the West Branch-Manchester after the flood last year and Sean Fleming from Lebanon spoke about the Kilton Library.

Director's Roundtable topic on Networking had good attendance.

Apply for a passport at my library. Cathy and Susan told of the Dover experience. Library receives \$25 per passport. They do the data entry by appointment. It takes 10 hours of training. Dover is not responsible for taking the passport picture.

STEM and the Pre-schooler. With a variety of STEM toys and games.

Taking Dewey Out of the Library and how to arrange the shelves. Hooksett is putting children's nonfiction into "neighborhoods"

Digitization: Tom Blake Digital is the manager of the Boston Public Library Digital Services Department. The library has formed a partnership with Digital Commonwealth and in 2011 began a project to digitize historic, cultural materials from libraries, museums, and historical societies throughout the state.

Lunch with Gene Ambaum of Unshelved who spoke on Customer Service delivering the message in his own humorous way.

Keynote Speaker

George Needham, Director of the Delaware County District Library in Ohio.

6. Information Exchange:

Concord;

How to do it festival tomorrow. Three hours long and 30 sessions. All in-house. Last year had about 300 attendees.

Community Center will open in June 2018. Concord will be putting in a pop-up library 3 days a week for 5 hours.

They will reach a community that does not come to the downtown library.

Hudson

Town Sustainability Committee exploring Solar Power. One of the members is a Library Trustee so may be exploring more options for the library

Holy Cross is funding an Intern Work Study person.

The library now has a part time bookkeeper

Rochester

In the middle of the opioid crisis

Started using a Debt collection firm

Has been approved to add a full time Librarian I

Free comic book day Jet Parker comics

Keene

Renovation Addition project proceeding. If all stays on track, Construction could start September 1.

Due to a retirement, will be advertising for an Assistant Library Director.

7. Old Business – Unconference. Two themes: Opioid crisis and Managing Staff

8. New Business

9. Adjourned at 11:45 am.

NEXT MEETING (NOTE DATE/LOCATION CHANGE): June 9, 2017 at the Manchester City Library
Patron Strategies and Industry Trends