

Library Trustee Minutes

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Leverett Library & on Zoom

Present: Chris Condit (zoom), Judith Davidov, Joan Godsey, Lisa Werner; Hannah Paessel, Director; Richard Godsey, Friends of the Leverett Library

Approval of September 10 meeting minutes: Lisa motioned to approve, Joan seconded; unanimously approved.

Trustee Business:

Pickleball Court CPC application

Roxanna Normark and Christine Barber-Just joined us to present their Pickleball proposal.

They are hoping for a letter of support for their CPC application. The application is written; they will send it to Hannah, who will forward it to the Trustees.

At first, the discussion was positive: we think that some kind of physical activity is a good use for the field. But we do have concerns about noise (Richard pointed out that pickleball noise level is quite high), and whether that would interfere with the ambience of the adjacent park now under construction and which we imagine as a place of repose. The pickleball committee is looking into noise mitigation, such as shrubbery; they are willing to avoid library open hours and events. Parking could also be problematic, but they are willing to have participants park on the road.

We need to review their CPC proposal and to have time for further reflection and discussion, so we postponed any definitive support or non-support until our next Trustees meeting.

Volunteer appreciation

9 volunteers and 7 staff. This includes Will and Chris. Joan is again coordinating holiday gifts.

Updates:

Grounds project

- Construction is beginning.

- There are some on the ground decisions that will need to be made. Hannah works with Omasta. We support Hannah in making on-the-spot decisions.
- The Select Board has empowered Hannah to sign off on change orders.
- Two trees have been moved and we hope they can be replanted elsewhere.
- Stage: Currently working with KMA Architecture and Accessibility to create architectural plans that can be sent out to bid.

New Hours

- The new hours started on 9/2/25.
- We've had 40-45 visitors every Friday so far.

State Financial Report

- The Financial Report has been submitted.
- Shared overview sheet. We have met all criteria for state aid.

FRIENDS REPORT

- Annual meeting is Saturday, October 25, 1:00-2:30. John Bollard will speak about his new book: PROTESTING WITH ROSA PARKS, FROM STAGECOACHES TO DRIVING WHILE BLACK
- Friends will again do holiday baskets.
- Bags and T-shirts are selling well.
- Cash on hand: \$128,000

Director's Reports:

Financials: 21% through the year.

Account	Start Fiscal Year	Amount remaining	%
General Expenses	\$34,469	\$24,562	29%
Wages	\$88,331	\$68,134	23%
Building	\$24,466	\$22,729	7%
State Aid	n/a	\$25,877	

Gift	n/a	\$81,918	
Bequest Detail	\$91,124	\$74,840	
Revolving - Fines	n/a	\$588	
Revolving - Printing/Use	n/a	\$768	

Notes: State aid is being used for new Friday open hours. We will postpone discussion of this to next year when we have more data.

The revolving fines account is for books. The revolving printer account is for paper and toner.

September 2024	Service	September 2025
2,503	CWMARS	2,846
732	Libby	911
115	Kanopy	151

Attendance Statistics

September 2024	Attendance type	September 2025
794	General Library	1150
217	Library Programs	337
69	Non-library programs	39

Staff & Volunteers:

- New volunteer, Marnie Genre has started on Fridays. She is fitting right in.
- Jill finished the Juice Academy cataloging training. Congrats!

Meetings & Programs:

- New CNC Playgroup coordinator named Jak. They bring great energy to the play group, and the Friday date is popular!
- Qigong is now just on Mondays
- LEGO is now every week
- New Spanish conversation group has a regular following
- Thanks to the Friends for their delicious snacks at the First Friday celebration.
- Exhibit: art inspired by the North Leverett Sawmill.
- Nonlibrary events have included: Retirement party for UPS driver Fran and the Friends Meeting.

Technology: Nothing to report

Building: Two windows have been replaced. Two exterior patio doors will switch places so that the doors can open the right way to accommodate park construction. Gutter will be modified to accommodate the 4th rain barrel and the new ramp.

Other: Baker & Taylor is closing so only Ingram is left for ordering books. Libraries will look for alternatives because with only Ingram, books come in slowly.

Old Business: Schedule of note takers for monthly meetings

- November 12: Lisa
- December 10: Joan
- January 14: Chris
- February 11: Seth
- March 11: Rachel
- April 8: Judith

Lisa moved to adjourn; Joan seconded.

Next Meeting: November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

