

J.A. Tarbell Library  
Minutes  
February 6, 2023

Bob Rogers  
Sally Curran  
Jennifer Howe  
Brenda Cassidy  
Ann Harkleroad

Bob called the meeting to order at 2:00.

The January minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: -We have enough money to get us through until April.

Librarian's Report: -"Take a Child to the Library Day" was a success with 11 children and 9 adults participating. A grant paid for the program and librarians' salaries.

-The bridge players are meeting at the library on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

-9 people attended the Needle Felting workshop, including a few who do not regularly use the library.

-A Rug Hooking class will be scheduled.

-The fire alarm has been fixed. Ursula will forward the alarm renewal form to the Selectmen since the town pays for it.

-There are now several "learning kits" available for adults.

-Regina has updated the library website.

-The staff completed a course on cyber security at their most recent staff meeting.

Old Business: -The Budget Committee has approved the proposed increase in Library hours. Brenda will create a schedule, including staffing. It was agreed that there needed to be 2 people scheduled for the Wednesday late afternoon/evening hours in the winter. To help justify the increase in hours we will look into providing a space for tutoring. Bob will talk with the administration at the high school for guidance on setting up a tutoring program. We will also check with some other libraries which host the tax preparation service provided by AARP. Brenda said that the library would be available for after school and evening programs on Wednesdays.

-Brenda has not yet received a quote on a new computer to replace the old "catalogue" computer.

New Business: -Theresa Mayhew is out with an injury. The trustees approved \$50.00 for flowers, meals, or whatever seems appropriate. We will ask Ursula to take care of it.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 6 at 2:00.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Harkleroad, Secretary