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Gilford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes of the April 10, 2020 Meeting

Attending via ZOOM; Katherine Dormody, Betty Tidd, Alexis Jackson, Diane Tinkham, Jack Lacombe, and Mike Marshall

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm.

Minutes of our March 28, 2020, discussed, a motion to accept was made by Jack Lacombe and seconded by Diane Tinkham. Approved by all.

Circulation

The library was closed to the public on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Circulation numbers reflect the closure. Checkouts and renewals are down as is use of the wifi. However all of the electronic media options are up. Overdrive Advantage is up 50.5, Overdrive E-Books up 18.3 and Overdrive Audio up 13.3 percent, Hoopla 41.8 percent and there were 55 Kanopy checkouts.

Programs

Programs were ended on Friday March 13, 2020, so we had less than half the month to compare to last year. However, we have moved many online and created new categories such as virtual and downloadable.

Our virtual storytime are accessed by close to the same number of kids. However, the downloadable storytimes are being accessed between 109 and 1,418 kids. The teen Discord game time is between 13 and 23 participants.

Volunteers

Volunteers last day was March 13, 2020.

Old Business

- A. Roof leak- additional work has been completed. The cupolas are now sealed. Insurance payments have been made and accepted by the selectmen. Invoices are forthcoming.
- B. Makerspace – We are discussing the potential long range project of developing a Makerspace for use by the community. Our initial discussions explored utilization of the storage/garage building, thus a preliminary drawing of space needed was developed. We reviewed the draft of the modifications needed to convert the

space and agreed there is potential but that we need a more complete drawing, including scale, sprinkler systems, plumbing, and HVAC. For those new to the concept, a Makerspace is: *a collaborative work space inside a school, library or separate public/private facility for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses high tech to no tech tools. These spaces are open to kids, adults, and entrepreneurs and have a variety of maker equipment including 3D printers, laser cutters, cnc machines, soldering irons and even sewing machines. A makerspace however doesn't need to include all of these machines or even any of them to be considered a makerspace. If you have cardboard, legos and art supplies you're in business. If you are interested in finding out more about laser cutters though, you could always take a look at someone like [Boss Laser](#). They can provide different types of laser from home use to industrial ones. It might be worthwhile having a look at if you want to make your own makerspace at home as well. It's more of the maker mindset of creating something out of nothing and exploring your own interests that's at the core of a makerspace. These spaces are also helping to prepare those who need the critical 21st century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). They provide hands on learning, help with critical thinking skills and even boost self-confidence. Some of the skills that are learned in a makerspace pertain to electronics, 3d printing, 3D modeling, coding, robotics and even woodworking, (taken from Makerspace.com)*

New Business

- A. Staffing in Pandemic – We have up to four employees in the building at a time. They are all working in different parts of the building to ensure appropriate distances. Buildings and Grounds employees are also in and out of the building. Everyone is adapting.
- B. Projects - Digital content is going well. The nonfiction “weeding” has been completed, re-cataloging the nonfiction collection into Browsing Sections has begun, relabeling the juvenile collection is ongoing, and a mural is being painted in the downstairs ladies room. The 3-D printer is being used to provide LRGH with printed face shields for masks. A virtual calendar will be available soon and a virtual tour of the library is being developed.
- C. New Statistics – Katherine discussed additional categories that will be required in the state report to document the virtual changes. We also asked to have information on YouTube views.

We will continue to watch reports and discuss a possible reopening date at our next meeting.

Next meeting will be via video conference on April 29, 2020, at 10:00 am.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Alexis Jackson