

# **TRUSTEES MEETING**

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011**

### **REPORT PRESENTED BY MARGARET MORRISSEY, DIRECTOR**

#### **Technology**

Charter has done an upgrade to the fiber optic cable to facilitate broadcasting from JEL. Connection to the C/WMARS network was down for a short period.

#### **Building**

Staff is delighted to welcome back our custodian who has returned from an extended sick leave since July 16, 2011. It will take some time to catch up on all the work that has to be done but Jamie has projects underway already.

The Chairwoman of the Trustees and I met with the Town Manager to discuss the energy audit proposal from National Grid/Prism and approval to go ahead was given from the appropriated budget. The Lussier Electrical has started the lighting upgrade and it is anticipated to take 8 days to complete.

#### **Policies**

The staff has completed the state mandated ethics training, and signed off on the Fraud and Discrimination policies.

#### **Long Range Plan**

The Long Range Plan has been submitted to the MA Board of Library Commissioners and posted on the JEL website.

#### **State Aid**

The financial report was submitted for State Aid

#### **Library Programs**

Romanian artist Liviu Cupceancu is the artist of the month. USAF Trio Winds was broadcast on Cable TV. At the concert, the US Air Force musicians presented JEL with some recently released CDs for the collection and a signed photograph by members of the Liberty Band. The LCC funded magic show and juggling on Saturday attracted an audience of 43. In the fall, there are so many sports events for children that we are reviewing the feasibility of Saturdays. A Monday or a Thursday evening program may attract a larger audience.

#### **Outreach**

Attended the CHNA5 quarterly meeting and reported out on the grant we received for Pride in Southbridge. Ashley and I met with a parent from Brookside Terrace who is interested in starting a book club there and we are providing support for this venture. I read to the Head Start children as part of *Read Across America*.

Literacy Volunteers of South Central Massachusetts were one of five organizations selected to participate in the *Extreme Brand Makeover* offered by ad agency smith & jones. The result is an attractive and functional logo, a design for stationary and an appealing brochure.

#### **Grants**

Thirteen letters were completed in support of the applicants for the FY12 Cultural Council funding. These programs augment the programs funded by the Friends of the JEL and allow us to have a diverse offering of presentations.

### Bequest

Notification was received from Kolvoord, Overton & Wilson of Vermont that \$2,000 has been left to JEL (without condition) from the estate of Daniel W. Bousquet. Check to follow shortly.

### Staff

Interviews are underway for the Children's Librarian position and conducted by the Town Manager, Adult Services Librarian and Library Director.

### Meetings

Area library directors continue to meet on a monthly basis to discuss areas of mutual interest. I attended a meeting of Digital Commonwealth.

### OCTOBER 2011

Monday 17, 24, 31	Inkwell Imaginings	6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Mills Room
Tuesday 18, 25	Knitting With Sonya	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Tuesday 18, 25	Anime Club	3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Thursday, 20	Favorite Italian Songs with Tony Staffieri*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Wednesday 19	Teen Read Week – <i>Hoot</i> will be screened and a discussion facilitated between book and movie	Starting at 3 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Thursday, 27	Author Kyle Darcy – <i>Under Current Conditions</i> *	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
October	Artist of the Month Liviu Cupceancu*	During Library Open Hours	Main Hall

### NOVEMBER 2011

November	Jackie Mushinsky*	During Library Open Hours	Main Hall
Tuesday, 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Knitting With Sonya*	10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Tuesday 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Anime Club	3:10 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Thursday, 3	Artist Reception – Jackie Mushinsky hot air balloons*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Main Hall
Monday 7	Mystery Book Club – <i>A Really Cute Cop</i> by Joan Hess*	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
Monday 7, 14, 21, 28	Inkwell Imaginings	6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Mills Room
Thursday 10	Library Box Office* – <i>Bomber</i> – UK	6 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Saturday 12	National Gaming Day A family fun day	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Wednesday 16	<i>Pastel Art of Georgia O'Keeffe</i> Presented by Gregory John Maichack~	2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Pioppi Room
Thursday 17	Tales from the Whispering Basked with Larry Spotted Crow Mann*	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Reading Room
November 24 and 25		Library is Closed	

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