

Darwin R. Barker Library & Museum Association

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 19th, 2025

Agenda

Agenda:

Public Comments:

Correspondence:

Review of Minutes:

Treasurer Report: Mark Twichell

Town Representative: Chris Schaeffer

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Librarian Report: Graham Tedesco-Blair

Archivist Report: Catherine Oag-Miller

Curator Report: Max Walters

Old Business: Board member search update

New Business: Village financial situation

Calendar:

Adjournment:

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Board of Trustees Minutes

Jan.15, 2025

Present: Linda Prechtel, Kathy Petersen, Margaret Gray, Graham Tedesco-Blair, Catherine Oag-Miller, Bird Padgett, Max Walters, Mandi Shepp, Mark Twichell, Dave Dengler, Kitty Crow, Rory Merwin

Absent: Jon Weekly

Village Representative: Michelle Twichell

Town Representative: absent

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Minutes: accepted

Treasurer Report: Amy from BLB sent draft of financial report, awaiting audit. She needs Morris Miller 990 (Graham will send reminder) & PayPal statement. Report approved.

Town Representative: absent

Village Representative: the two old Opera House chairs honoring Doug & Winnie Shepard will be donated to the museum

Librarian Report: written report reviewed & accepted

Archivist Report: written report reviewed & accepted

Curator Report: written report reviewed & accepted. Mark suggests borrowing NCHA items for exhibit. Next Lafayette committee meeting Jan.

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Old Business: *Darrin Paschke & Tom Donovan too busy right now to join board but interested for future.. Diane Hannum is interested and will be invited to next meeting. *Mark moves to accept 2025 budget with amendments, Kathy 2nds, accepted. *Gens projects: Childrens' Room carpet is moving forward. *Mark & Kitty will check bank accounts

New Business: none

Calendar: Feb. 19, 4pm

Adjournment: 4:33pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathy Petersen, sec'y.

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Library Report

Annual Report to NYS– ready to be submitted

Needle Felting Class – 12 participants, including Joanne Kelley who called to tell us: "I wanted to express compliments to whoever set up the Sweater Workshop. I thoroughly enjoyed it and hope there's more events like it." Many thanks to Emma for teaching, and to Bird for coordinating. A session is scheduled for March, where participants will learn to felt a blue bird

Kids Take Over the Library – our annual program is schedule for this President's Day

James Hoggard Photography – This month's exhibition is of the wonderful nature photography of James Hoggard. 43 Attendees at the reception

Hedgehog Visit – Our friend Farmer Mike visited again, this time to teach kids all about hedgehogs. 49 total attendees between parents and kids.

Usage statistics for the year

2024

3,578 resident card holders vs
9,455 total pop

38,120 visits in 2024

Circulation:

39,116 physical circ

13,370 electronic circ

940 reference questions

Holdings:

41k total books

22k ebooks

191 programs

January 2025 Programming Stats

CHILDREN

Storytime Sessions: 6

Storytime Attendance

Kids 42

Adults 28

1/17 ABCD visit

Kids 7

Adults 2

1/11 Hedgehog Storytime

Kids 26

Adults 23

ADULT

1/23 Art Reception

43 attendees

Mah Jongg

3 sessions

18 attendees

Computer programs

Individual tutoring: 5 participants

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Archivist's Report

Collections

- 63 items were catalogued into Past Perfect and assigned home locations
- The Canadaway Creek Anthropology Project Collection has been processed, and the finding aid is now available online
- The inventory of File Cabinet #1 in Mintun Room is progressing, with 154 documents assessed so far
- Three new shelves have arrived, they will be used to house our growing collection of historical books
- Our new interns, Krystyna and Jack, are working on inventorying our book collection and on the Village Papers Collection, respectively.

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Curator's Report

Exhibits

- Opened an adapted version of the Chautauqua County Sports Wall of Fame for the hallway between the Steele Room and Library Circulation desk featuring athletes from Fredonia.
- Seats from the Opera House have been acquired and put on display. They date to 1926.

Outreach

- Valentines program, "Victorian Valentines," set for Feb. 14th at 3-5.
- The museum has two interns for the Spring semester, both of whom are Education majors and Museum Studies minors. Both are working in collections cataloging and developing educational programs.
- Lafayette Bicentennial planning continues for May and June Jubilee. The event is being coordinated with DAR, Boys and Girls Club, Masons, SAR, and other county history museums and will promote local history through a special exhibition, lectures, reenactments, musical and dance performances. NCCF Grant letter of interest due March 1. Total budget is currently \$660.
- Fredonia Seed Co. display is now up in the Library coinciding with the Seed Sowing Swap & Workshop Feb. 15.

Monthly Statistics

- Visitation in January: 21
- Cataloging update: 137 objects cataloged in PastPerfect in January.
- Volunteer hours in January: 92

Visitation

