

**Bent Northrop Memorial Library**  
**Trustee Meeting Minutes Draft**  
**February 21, 2019**

**Call to Order:** Laura F. called to order at 4:28

Present: Laura Fulwiler, Jennifer Archambault, Peter Burns, Kristina Bolduc, Laura Bellstrom, Sarah Montgomery, Bridget Howrigan Rivet

**Guests:** Samantha Thomas and Patrick Malone

**Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Peter B. moved to accept as amended and seconded by Kristina B. Also reviewed minutes of Feb 17th special meeting and moved to approve by Peter B. and seconded by Kristina B.

**Treasurer's Report:** Amanda not present, tabled to next month.

**Librarian's Report:** See attached report provided by Sarah M. Highlighted completion of Teen Mural, multiple venues at the library with Mr. K and nature programs in February and March, Sarah attended a summer reading workshop and starting to plan for theme of "A Universe of Stories" this summer and Wendy officially completed her Vermont Public Library certification... good job, Wendy!!

**Friends Report:** Bridget presented plans underway for Madeline Kunin's presentation at BNML on March 30 at 1PM. Discussed publicity campaign for event, collaboration with The Eloquent Page and refreshments. Will be announced at Town Meeting.

**New business:**

- 1) **Transition of financial advisor**—Laura F. reached out by e-mail to John Myhre who is working on suggestions and guidance and will be in touch, will discuss further next month.

**2) Conflict of interest statement**—model provided by Kristina B discussed and few revisions to be made and Jennifer A to provide further feedback to make more current and recommends implementing and signing by trustees and staff once finalized on yearly basis.

**3) Town Meeting Preparation**—Reviewed the “2018 by the Numbers” information page expertly created by Sarah M and support distribution at Town Meeting day. (see attached) Discussed format of Town meeting day and Bridget described 2 settings in which Trustees may be called on to speak (during the time town reports are presented and during discussion before voting on the library budget). Laura F, Laura B, Sarah M. and Peter B all plan to attend. Trustees to solicit supporters to attend Town Meeting day.

**4) Discussed trustee positions up for election**—Patrick Malone and Samantha Thomas introduced themselves and their interest in the library and community.

**Agenda for Next Meeting:**

**1) Ethics Policy**

**2) Financial advisor**

**3) Recap Town meeting**

**Adjourn:** Peter moved to adjourn at 5:43 and Laura B seconded.

Next meeting Thursday March 21st at 4:30

## Librarian Report 2/21/19

### Programming Update:

#### Past

- Teen Mural Tuesdays - **Finished!**
- Thursday, 1/24, 6pm: Painting Party with Victoria Rosen Vining - **9 attended**
- Four Tuesdays, starting 1/29: Tinkering/ Toy Take Apart - **10 students**
- Thursday, 2/7, 6pm: Book Page Flowers: DIY Craft Night - **9 attended**

#### Recurring:

- Wednesdays at 10am: **Playgroup / Story Hour**
- Wednesdays at 3pm: **Drop- in Maker Space**
- Mondays at 3:30pm: **Russian for Families** - Ended at library
- 4th Thursday of each month: **Book Club**

#### Coming Up!

##### February/ March

- Wednesday, 2/27, 10am: **Mr. K Visit!**
- Thursday, 2/ 28, 6pm: **Chocolate Making** with Jenny Fournier
- Friday, 3 /8, 11:45am: **Mr. K Preschool Program**
- Thursday, 3/14, 6pm: **Adult Craft Night**
- Starting Friday 3/22: **Mr. K After school Program** - will run for 5 weeks

### Other Updates:

- Strategic Planning - First planning meeting will be 2/26
- Attended Summer Reading workshop last week. Theme for summer reading program this year is "A Universe of Stories".
- Annual Report for Public Libraries has been submitted.

# Bent Northrop Memorial Library

## 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

The mission of the Bent Northrop Memorial Library is to offer individuals of all ages a safe, accessible, and empowering environment where learning, enjoyment, cultural and professional needs can be successfully met through materials, programs, services and technologies.



**16,107**  
Library Visits

eBooks and  
eAudiobooks  
Borrowed  
**908**



## Library Value

In 2018, BNML  
provided a value of...

- **\$1,200** to an older patron who visited twice a week to use our computers and printer.
- **\$390** to a commuter who downloaded audiobooks for the drive.
- **\$580** to a patron who visited daily to read our newspapers.
- **\$6,178** to a family of four avid readers who borrowed 354 books.
- **\$375** to a community group that used the meeting space once a month.
- **\$207** to a family who participated in our summer reading programs and borrowed our attraction passes.
- **\$3,723** to a childcare provider who received monthly book deliveries.

## Available to Borrow:

10,272 - eBooks	282 - DVDs
7,025 - Books	21 - Pairs of Snowshoes
14,058 - eAudiobooks	62 - Games
199 - Audiobooks on CD	6 - Attraction Passes

Website: [bentnorthrop.org](http://bentnorthrop.org)

Email: [bnmlibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:bnmlibrarian@gmail.com)

Phone: (802) 827-3945



**2,300**  
Computer Sessions  
**20,301**  
Website Visits  
**24/7**  
Wi-fi Access  
**7,050**  
Pages Printed

**189** books lent to  
other libraries



**316** books borrowed  
from other libraries

## Library Hours:

Monday: 2:30-5

Tuesday: 2:30-8

Wednesday: 9-5

Thursday: 2:30-8

Friday: 9-5

Saturday: 9-1

Sunday: Closed



# LIBRARIES TRANSFORM<sup>®</sup>

Librarians have long championed their community members' right to access information privately, and serve as an essential refuge where everyone can check out materials or browse the internet without their information being shared.

*Mary Madden, Lee Rainie. Pew Research Center, May. 20, "American's Attitudes About Privacy, Security, and Surveillance".*

## BECAUSE ACCESS EQUALS OPPORTUNITY.

Libraries play a critical role in the happiness of Americans. Communities that spend more on libraries, parks and highways, are shown to support the well-being of community members.

*Patrick Flavin. State government public goods spending and citizens' quality of life. Social Science Research, 2018; DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2018.11.004*

## BECAUSE MORE THAN 1/4 OF U.S. HOUSEHOLDS DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER WITH AN INTERNET CONNECTION.

In 2016, there were 1.4 billion in-person visits to public libraries across the U.S., the equivalent of about 4 million visits each day. That's 2,664 per minute.

*Public Libraries Survey, FY 2016, Table 8, Supplementary Tables [https://www.ims.gov/sites/default/files/fy2016\\_pls\\_tables.pdf](https://www.ims.gov/sites/default/files/fy2016_pls_tables.pdf)*

## BECAUSE WORDS HAVE POWER.

A study of 3,635 older adults found that book readers had a 23-month survival advantage and 20 percent lower mortality risk compared with nonreaders. Reading was protective of health regardless of gender, education, or health.

*Bavishi, A., Slade, M., & Levy, B. (2017). THE SURVIVAL ADVANTAGE OF READING BOOKS. Innovation in Aging, 1(Suppl 1), 477. doi:10.1093/geroni/igx004.1696*

## BECAUSE BUILDING A BETTER WORLD STARTS WITH LITERACY.