

**HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes February 18, 2023**

Trustees: Kathy Hutchison, Kathy Rochford, Beth Burger **all present**
Library Director: Ellen Moriarty

Minutes – Approve meeting minutes for January 21, 2023

Bills - approve and sign

Friends – Friends will be helping with refreshments for an upcoming event.

Director's Report:

Circulation Stats – January, 2023 at 2,288 / compared to January, 2022 at 1,937

Programs:

Yoga: February: 2 & 16, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. **very good attendance**

Meditation with Mark: February 2, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m. **very good attendance**

Saturday Book Club: Meeting Saturday February 18, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. **March 18, 2023**

Massachusetts Center For the Book 2023 Reading Challenge, February, 2023 **ongoing**

Ellen will be presenting at World Poetry Day at the Hampden Senior Center, March 15, 2023 **This was a fun event. Ellen gave a history of World Poetry Day and then read a poem. Several audience members also came up to read poems for the group.**

Children's programs:

Grow, Play & Learn with Pathways for Parents, every Monday @ 11:00 a.m. **ongoing**

Hampden Library's Storytime, every Tuesday @ 11:00 a.m. **ongoing**

Ed P.'s Comedy Magic Show, Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m. **Huge turnout & great show!**

Bingo for Books, Thursday, February 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. **Great turnout and fun time**

YA Programs:

Young Adult Book Club: Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m.

Teen Paint, Sip, Fun, Saturday, February 18, 2023 @ noon **12 Teens enjoyed this workshop**

Video Game Night, Thursday, February 23, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. **Small group**

T.A.B. Saturday March 4, 2023 @ 11:00 a.m. **ongoing**

Young Adult Graphic Novels Book Club, March 9, 2023 @ 4:00 p.m. **ongoing**

Gracen is assisting our coding/3d students with their 3d projects one on one. **This has been working out great. The kids are very into it and creative**

New Business:

Kathy Hutchison attended the department chairs bi-monthly meeting on February 15, 2023, to hear about the 3 large projects coming up in our town in addition to the possibility of a new building for the library. **Very informative**

Ellen is working on updating our collection development policy. **In progress**

Ellen is working with the Massachusetts Center for the Book to establish Thornton W. Burgess's house as a Massachusetts Literary Landmark. **In progress**

Old Business:

Kathy H. and Ellen met with the Advisory board with our FY 2024 budget on Monday February 19, 2023. The C.O.L.A. numbers were updated for salaries and there were not any other changes.

Next Meeting Date: Saturday, March 18, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.