

**HAMPDEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY
TRUSTEES MEETING
Minutes September 16, 2023**

Trustees: Kathy Hutchison, Kathy Rochford, Jean Hall **all present**
Library Director: Ellen Moriarty

Minutes – Approve meeting minutes for June 17, 2023

Bills - approve and sign

Friends – Old Post Road Orchestra - Friends are providing refreshments and library info table at their concert on October 20, 2023

Director's Report:

Finances updated

Circulation Stats – June, 2023 at 2,083 / compared to June, 2022 at 2,973
July, 2023 at 2,899 / compared to July, 2022 at 3,280
August, 2023 at 2,713 / compared to August, 2022 at 3,014

Programs:

Wilbraham Farmer's Market: July 19 & 26, August 23 & 30 **It was great to participate in this community outreach in partnership with Wilbraham Public Library.**

Yoga: Sept. 7 & 21 @ 6:00 p.m. **very good attendance**

Meditation with Mark: Sept. 7 @ 5:30 p.m. **very good attendance**

Yoga Nidra: Sept. 14 @ 6:00 p.m. **very good attendance**

Saturday Book Club: Saturday September 16 @ 11:00 a.m. **Saturday, October 21, 2023**

Social Justice Book Club: Monday September 18 @ 3:30 p.m. **Monday, October 13, 2023**

Social Justice Film Series: Thursday September 28, @ 5:30 p.m. **Thursday, October 26, 2023**

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

Fall Festival: Saturday October 21, noon – 7:00 p.m. The library will have tables with library info and give-a-ways, demonstrations of a solar oven, solar generator and North East Biogas will be doing a biogas cooking demonstration. Ellen and Gracen will also participate in the Trunk-or-Treat.
Changed to Sunday, October 22, 2023 due to weather, rain.

Let Freedom Read: Saturday October 7 @ noon. This was a great program with over 10 people attending. There were a lot of interesting conversation, comments, and viewpoints. This will be an annual event.

Children's programs:

Grow, Play & Learn with (PP) every Monday @ 11:00 a.m. ongoing

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

Lunch Bunch, every Wednesday @ 11:30 a.m.(Pathways for Parents) ongoing

Grandparent Story Time: Sept. 12 & 26 @ 11:00 a.m. Great turnout!

Story Art (PP): Wednesday Sept. 27 @ 3:30 p.m. Full!!

Sounds of Reading(PP): Wed. October 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 10:00 a.m. Full!!

YA Programs:

Teen Volunteer Council: Saturday Sept. 2 @ noon ongoing

Mini Crafts: Saturday Sept. 9 @ noon Great attendance!

Book Talk: Saturday September 16 @ noon ongoing

Anime & Manga Club: September 14 & 28 @ 4:00 p.m. great group! Very enthusiastic!

Second Annual Teen Halloween Party: Saturday October 28 @ 6:00 p.m. Bigger & better this year!!

New Business:

Brainfuse is up and running on our website.

Gracen created flyers for this new addition to our website.

Old Business:

Ellen is working on updating our collection development policy. ongoing

Next Meeting Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023 @ 9:00 a.m.