

**Meeting Minutes**

Cromwell Library Commission  
Regular Meeting, November 13, 2023 at 6:30  
Maselli Room

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**Present:** Marie Roberto, Barbara Grotheer, Margaret Colella, Christina Schatz,  
Chairman Kathy Newton, Martha Rennie entered at 6:37

**Also Present:** Library Director Kara Canney, Gerald Seagrave

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Newton at 6:33 PM

- 2.** A motion was made to go into a Strategy Executive Session at 6:34 PM by Martha Rennie and was seconded by Barbara Grotheer.

*All in favor; motion passed.*

- 3.** A motion was made to come out of Executive Session at 6:45 PM by Martha Rennie and was seconded by Marie Roberto.

*All in favor; motion passed.*

- 4.** A motion was made by Barbara Grotheer to approve the Library Policies written by a sub-committee from this body and the library staff and approved by the Town Council on December 14, 2022. Margaret Colella seconded the motion.

*All in favor; motion passed.*

- 5.** A motion was made to Approve the agenda by Martha Rennie, seconded by Margaret Colella.

*All in favor; motion passed.*

- 6.** A motion was made to Approve of the Minutes of October 16, 2023 by Marie Roberto and seconded Barbara Grotheer.

*All in favor; motion passed.*

**7. Citizen's Comments-None**

**8. Reports**

**Chairman:** Kathy Newton attended the Friends of the Library meeting as well as book sales in Rocky Hill and Wethersfield.

**Library Director:**

### Strategic Plan

We are currently choosing which of the identified themes we would like to add to our plan. I have asked each sub-committee member to identify their top four or five and we will gather to begin to formulate these themes and then break down into actionable items.

### Grants-

Lifetime Arts-The rocky start we have had with this project seems to continue.

Community Foundation of Middlesex County-The library and transfer station continue to have demand for the bins. We will have a booth at the Vendor Fair on 11/9 amongst other community events.

1000 Books- Gabriel was our first patron to complete 1000 books. We are so proud of him and his family's efforts. A reporter called us to feature Gabriel and the program. We are waiting to talk to his parents to determine if it is something they are comfortable with.

CLC Vendor Fair-Connecticut Library Consortium is having a showcase of all of the vendors available to us at a discounted price on 12/14 at S.C.S.U. I will be in attendance.

Winter Calendar- The next three months of programming and events will be sent on our Winter edition of our quarterly newsletter. Be on the lookout (it sometimes hits your spam folder).

State Library Report- The report was due 11/1 this year. Some highlights are:

Circulation was up by 5,979 compared to the prior year.

Annual visits were up 7,946 compared to the prior year.

A motion was made to approve the Library Director's Report and the Finance Report by Martha Rennie and Margaret Colella.

*All in favor; motion passed.*

**9. Old Business-None**

**10. New Business-None**

**11. Other- None**

**12. Next Meeting date Monday, December 11, 2023**

**13. A motion was made to adjourn at 7:31 by Marie Roberto and Barbara Grotheer.**

*All in favor; motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Kara Canney

Library Director