

New Marlborough Library Trustees Meeting

July 19, 2022

9:00 AM

Present: Library Director Deb O'Brien, Trustees Carrie Liba, Robin Tost

Deb reported that the Summer Reading program was attended by a small but enthusiastic group who participated in different activities every day. Everybody considered it a big success.

The question of how to repair the sidewalk bulge in front of the Library will be passed to the Town to solve. The ADA report was far more complex than what we'd thought was needed, and, as it is a Town building, the Board thinks the Town should deal with it.

The Friends of the Library met and discussed the question of the Library's continuing to participate in the Burritt Day activities. It was decided that, after the current year, the Library will no longer hold a book sale there. As costs have risen dramatically and we no longer have a crowd of young volunteers, the Friends decided that it was simply too much work for too little profit and that the Library would hold its own sale on a different date on its own premises.

On Saturday, July 23, the Library will host a talk by Jyoti Thottam on her new book, "The Sisters of Mokama". On August 13, Leslie Wheeler will talk about her new book, "Wolf Bog".

The Children's Art Show is scheduled for July 30. There will at least ten young artists showing their work.

We discussed the possibility of renewing our connection with our local school and PTA which had dissolved during the Covid lockdown. Deb would love to have half day and after-school groups at the Library. Transportation continues to be a difficulty as apparently the school buses are not available for this. We considered whether it would be possible for the children to walk the short distance, perhaps with police protection as there's no sidewalk. We also discussed "Pizza and a Movie" and "Pizza and Board Games" which have been very popular in the past as a way to reacquaint families with the Library.

Deb and Autumn are working hard to finish the ARIS reports.

The next meeting will be held on August 16 at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Tost