

New Marlborough Town Library Trustees Meeting
July 17, 2023
9:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 with Deb O'Brien, Library Director, Carrie Liba, Trustees Chairwoman, Tom Masters and Robin Tost, secretary, in attendance.

The Library will present a new art show in August, featuring Margaret Buchte. The reception will be on Aug. 6 from 2:00-3:00.

In response to Deb's inquiry to the Cultural Council for funding for our Authors program, they responded that it was not possible to use the original proffered money as it had to be used for Covid projects but they may reimburse us the money from an alternative fund.

Joseph Berger will present a talk on his new biography on Elie Wiesel on July 22 at 1:00 at the Southfield Church. He will be introduced by Robert Olsen.

The summer reading program has concluded to everyone's great satisfaction. There were 8 children enrolled and 3 helpers who participated in the projects, and the level of enthusiasm was high for all the events. Scotty Salame helped them build terraria; Jane Burke guided a pottery day; Erika Crofut showed them how to create Book Beasts out of cut-out forms, deaccessioned books, paint and glitter; Deb led tie-dye and stepping stone workshops. The cost of \$1400 was paid by the Friends.

The Friends of the Library will meet on August 5 at 10:00 AM. They will discuss funding, the book sale and the Halloween program.

The book sale will be held on September 30 from 10:00-3:00. Ginny Dawson will prepare food for sale. In addition to books and baked delights, there will be face painting and a hayride. Deb will ask Chief Graham to close the road between the Library and Ormsbee's for the duration of the sale.

The Halloween Party will be held on October 28 from 5:00-8:00 at the Goodnow Preserve. In addition to Deb's famous Halloween decor all over the path through the woods, there will be a BBQ food truck from Worthington, MA, and the Big Elm Brewery will be present. There will be a hayride, face painting, 200 cupcakes from Costco (we will NOT run out this year), the wonderful story-teller from last year, and the Land Trust will manage a large bonfire.

Deb will work on the ARIS report.

The next meeting of the Trustees will be on August 9 at 4:00.
Respectfully submitted,
Robin Tost