

MINUTES OF THE BROOKFIELD LIBRARY TRUSTEES, November 12, 2025

Present and Voting: Amy Borgman, Dan Childs, Emily Noyes, Susan

O'Brien, Starr Strong Present and not Voting: Laura Rochat (Librarian)

-Minutes were approved

-Treasurer's Report: Dan reports our investments are stable and finances are ok.

-Librarian's Report: Booksellers Baker & Taylor are no longer in business, causing a rush of libraries and schools to find a new bookseller that offers a 45% discount. Our little Brookfield Free Public Library is a tiny tadpole in the big lake of book purchasers but Laura is looking to work with Ingram and/or MHEC. B&T was also the platform used for the annual Public Library Report.

The Vermont Dept of Libraries is looking to other options to collect this data.

Circulation data shows fewer adult fiction circulating and a steady high use of picture books. The programs LIBBY and INGRAM continue to be popular with our patrons.

-Programming: The October 18 Astronomy program held at the West Brookfield Meetinghouse was quite well attended with about 32 people. Telescopes were set up for star and planet viewing. We hope to repeat this program with some changes and improvements, such as setting up away from a street light (who knew?) and starting with a short informational introduction. That being said, the presenters were friendly, helpful and knowledgeable.

The Chess Club met for the second time with few, but enthusiastic attendees.

Thank you Sue and Dan. MaryLou is currently running the kid's knitting program which began on November 5 and will run for 5 Wednesdays. Adult knitting will

begin in January.

-Bathroom update: The doors are in, in the Town Office and Library and the bathroom framing itself is complete but the plumbing and electricity needs to be done before insulation, sheetrock and painting. Don't worry, there is always the porta-potty...

Next Meeting: January 14 @ 5:30pm at the Library.