

**HUNTERDON COUNTY LIBRARY COMMISSION  
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NORTH COUNTY BRANCH  
65 HALSTEAD STREET  
CLINTON, NEW JERSEY  
May 20, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Library Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Thomas Valasek, Kenneth Jagel, William Newitt, Nouhad Jensen, Jean Allured, Library Director Mark Titus, Freeholder Ron Sworen.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT**

Read by Thomas Valasek.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FRIENDS**

Jean Allured reported the Friends.

- The Friends are revising their by-laws.
- The Friends are beginning work on allocations.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM MEMBER LIBRARIES**

None.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nouhad Jensen moved approval of the March 18, 2011 meeting minutes. William Newitt seconded. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- There is a lot of activity with school tours, etc.
- The bookmobile was active during National Library Week. It went to Basil Bandwagon.
- There are many children's programs going on. Teen Café is still popular.
- Jared Biondi has completed work with the Friends book sale and is back on his regular schedule.
- Shifting and weeding of the collection is going on right now.
- We continue to schedule webinars for staff training.
- Reference staff and PR people are coming up with new displays.
- Many different book clubs are offered through the library.
- We are doing more partnering with local businesses.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (continued)

- We have gotten a lot of materials from the Friends book sale.
- The library hosts many successful writers groups.
- Jim Thatch and Jennifer Winberry are working with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Outdoor concerts are lined up for the summer.
- The Annual Report has come out.
- Amanda Philipp and Nancy Ormando retired at the end of April.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter to Mark Titus from Lisa Hammer, dated April 11, 2011, regarding the noise level in the library.
2. Letter to Lisa Hammer from Mark Titus, dated April 15, 2011, regarding the noise level in the library.
3. Letter to Mark Titus from Amy Hollander, Executive Director of the Red Mill Museum Village, dated May 18, 2011, regarding Elizabeth Grandin paintings.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The library budget was approved at the May 3, 2011 Freeholder Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Grandin Paintings

Amy Hollander of The Red Mill Museum Village requested the loan of the library's Elizabeth Grandin paintings for an exhibit June – October 2011.

Kenneth Jagel moved that Amy Hollander be invited to come in and view the paintings to decide which ones she would like to use for the Red Mill exhibit. Jean Allured seconded. Motion carried.

Freeholder Sworen asked for suggestions on how the library and schools could participate in the Mayor's Book Club project. Mr. Titus suggested building a library program around the project.

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### **PERSONNEL RESOLUTIONS**

Nouhad Jensen moved approval of the following personnel resolutions:

Amanda Whitelaw be hired for the position of Student Assistant, effective April 6, 2011.

Brittany Wade be released from the position of Student Assistant, effective April 15, 2011.

Sabah Muhmud be released from the position of Student Assistant, effective April 23, 2011.

Farah Muhmud be released from the position of Student Assistant, effective April 23, 2011.

Ramsey Hamed be hired for the position of Student Assistant, effective April 30, 2011.

Christian DiLuzio be hired for the position of Student Assistant, effective May 17, 2011.

Erin Kubo be hired for the position of Student Assistant, effective May 23, 2011.

Lauren Jones be hired for the position of Student Assistant, effective June 14, 2011.

Nathaniel Pickens be hired for the position of Student Assistant, effective date to be determined.

Caitlyn Patullo be hired for the position of Student Assistant, effective date to be determined.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The library commission adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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Kathleen Connors  
Secretarial Assistant