

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARIES

BOARD OF LIBRARIES

MINUTES

Brown Public Library, Northfield

10:30 A.M.

April 16, 2007

Present: John Rosenthal, Chair  
David Brown  
Linda Williamson  
Nancy Graff  
Sybil McShane, State Librarian

Marianne Kotch, Public Library Support Services Director, and Susan D'Amico, Librarian, Roxbury Public Library, were also present.

Previous to the Board Meeting, the Board members joined Governor Douglas for Story Hour and the proclamation signing for National Library Week. Sybil, in turn, presented the proclamation to Sharon Bartram, the Brown Public Library Librarian who is retiring in May.

1. **Minutes** – John called the meeting to order at 11:00. He asked for corrections or omissions to the February minutes. Nancy provided a copy with spelling and punctuation corrections. John advised that the February minutes were approved with the noted corrections.
2. **Roxbury Public Library** – Sybil had asked Susan D'Amico if she would like to discuss with the Board the challenges she faces at the Roxbury Library. Susan advised they have no bathroom or accessible entrance. They also need a new heating system and a small addition for storage. They have estimated the cost to be \$50,000. Permits are already in place for the water and sewage. Fund raising has begun. The Board discussed, with Susan, various strategies and ideas for fund raising.
3. **State Librarian's Report** – *2007 Vermont Public Library Foundation Grants* – Sybil provided the background information for the Winnie Belle Learned Grants, provided by Dr. Burnett Rawson, and the Freeman Foundation Endowment Grants. These are competitive grants. Dr. Rawson wants to participate in the grant review process. Sybil, Marianne and Grace will meet with him to review the Winnie Belle Learned grant

applications. *H99 – An act relating to a legislative interim study committee on public libraries* – Sybil provided copies of the act as drafted by the House Appropriations Committee. The Legislative Council will do the study. Sybil has recommended to the Governor that the Administration support the study. John asked that the minutes reflect that the Board is very pleased with H99 and support it. All voted in favor. *LSTA Five-Year Evaluation* – Sybil provided copies of the Himmell and Wilson Evaluation Report. Sybil will use this evaluation, input from the academic librarians and VEMA as well as the study that Trini completed as a basis to build the next five-year plan. She hopes to have the new plan ready for the June 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for the board's review. *Summer Reading Program* – Grace is attending a meeting in Oregon for the Summer Reading Program Cooperative. They are planning the 2008 Summer Reading Program. This is the first year Grace has participated in the planning session. We will no longer design our own materials. *GMBA* – The Green Mountain Book Award Master Reading list, 2007-2008, is on the DOL Website. *Vermont Library Conference* – This conference will take place on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Nancy will attend the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. *Library Statistics* – Marianne passed out her newly compiled 2006 Library Statistics.

**4. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.**

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Sybil Brigham McShane, Secretary

Next meeting June 19<sup>th</sup>, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin