

New Hampshire Library Association Sustainability Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 09, 2024 from 11am-12pm

Participants: Tess Kimsey, Chair, Manchester City Library; Mary Cronin, Cook Memorial Library (Tamworth); Jenny Devost, Merrimack Public Library; Brittany Durgin, Moultonborough Public Library; Nancy Ladd, Pillsbury Free Library (Warner)

Tess called the meeting to order at 11:03am

[August](#) meeting minutes were approved.

Sustainability Book Chats: These have been well received. There are six sign-ups for the first one. Jenny has a Google Slides presentation that she will share as a template so others can use. Tess recommended that at the start of the first two programs we promote the other upcoming Book Chats. Tess will attend and take notes at every event and type up a summary. Additional program recommendations will be added after to the slideshow so that those who missed the event can review all information shared. Events will be shared on the CLNH listserv and the Librarians of the 603 Facebook page.

Proposed mini-grants: Tess has inquired with the NHLA Executive Board whether Macdonald Funds can be used to provide mini grants. Deb Hoadley shared, via email, Macdonald funds can only be used for professional development/continuing education opportunities. Deb suggested the committee can use funds to bring in speakers or request \$450 per year from NHLA to provide three \$150 mini grants to libraries who submit applications as part of a competitive process. Tess will ask Deb: where would money come from, when would it be available, and do they need an official proposal from this committee?

Professional Development: Suggestion to hire a speaker to present on sustainable ways to deal with older library buildings (water leaks, lead paint remediation, etc.). This program could be called "This Old Library." Brittany will look into finding a speaker to present on creating a building maintenance schedule to enhance/ensure efficiency (checking updates for new refrigerant fluids, etc.) Tess will ask Deb if the committee's

allocated Macdonald Funds pay for speakers at a conference, or if there are other conference funds that would cover speaker fees on programs we recommend.

Upcoming newsletter topics: Suggestion to do mini-newsletter after the first book chat with a recap with a reminder of the upcoming two, then another full-length newsletter mid-October.

Meeting adjourned at 11:56am.

Next meeting: **Oct. 7**