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# New Brunswick Free Public Library

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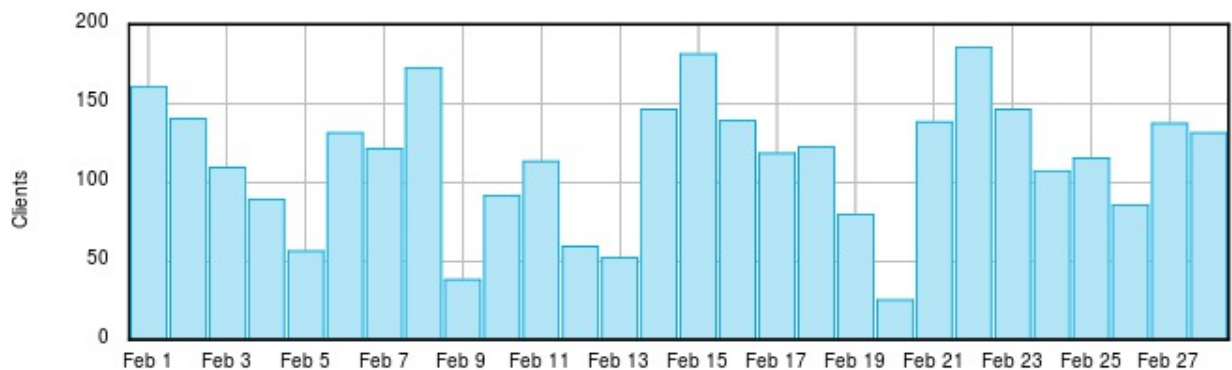
## Minutes, Board of Trustees

March 22, 2017 5:00 p.m.

1. Announcement of Compliance with Open Public Meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent electronically to the Home News Tribune and was posted in the library, on the library website, and at City Hall.
2. Call to Order.
3. Roll Call. Present: Binde, Celey, J. Marchetta, R. Marchetta, Monus, Ortiz, Tracy; Excused: Diaz, Williams; Staff: Belvin, Maria Hernandez, Social Work Intern.
4. Approval of Excused Absences. Celey (Ortiz), unanimous.
5. Approval of Agenda. Ortiz (Celey), unanimous.
6. Approval of Minutes for February 22. Celey (Ortiz), unanimous.
7. Approval of Bills. Ortiz (Celey), unanimous.
8. Committee Reports.
  - 8.1. Policy Committee. Belvin mentioned that there might have to be minor adjustments to the Circulation and Registration Policy to deal with instances where a patron has moved to New Brunswick but owes fines to another LMxAC library.
  - 8.2. Finance Committee. City Budget will be introduced at the beginning of April.
  - 8.3. Friends' Liaison: The Friends now have 46 members. The Arthur Murray program has been rescheduled due to a conflict with the book sale. The fundraiser at Houlihan's will be Monday May 8. The Friends have again been awarded a \$500 grant from Constellation Bank to support the adult summer reading program. The dedication of the urns will be at the Annual Meeting on June 7.
9. Director's Report.
  - 9.1. Book Sale: Belvin said that the Friends were accepting books through March 24. He noted that Gary Hoagland and Nicole Tracy had recently donated a large array of books.
  - 9.2. Children's Room: Chelsea Woods-Turner recently was at a PTO meeting for the Greater Brunswick Charter School promoting the various library services and programs. One of the mothers volunteered, "And I've seen Ms. Chelsea with the kids. She is so great with them, she knows all their names and what they're doing and where they need to go. She's just great. All the staff there is so caring." The Children's Room Question Box still has been getting a variety of very interesting questions including "Which places can you go to get published?" "How do you get very old and lose your teeth?" "Will Trump make my mom go back?" "Is it possible to have a perfect society?" "Can money buy happiness?" "How do we go to the park to play?" "What will life be like in 2048?"
  - 9.3. Cinco de Mayo: The Cinco de Mayo program has been revised so that the vendors will be at Joyce Kilmer Park. The attendees will start at the library for some of the performances and then move to the park. Because of the availability of the park, the program will be on Saturday, May 6.
  - 9.4. Henry Guest House Shutters: The shutters are done and the project is awaiting the architect's final inspection.
  - 9.5. Holi: Kavita Pandey had a radio interview on WRSU on Sunday, March 12 where she informed the listeners about the Holi festival along with other library events. USA Today selected our Holi Festival as one of the ten best in the world. From the listeners calling in it was apparent

they appreciated how involved the library is in promoting diversity. The library has received a donation for the Holi Festival from the Gaur family.

- 9.6. Literacy: The conversation group for English language beginners started this week. There were twelve people including people from India, China, Peru, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Honduras.
- 9.7. Notary: There was a discussion of notary service. Belvin will survey local libraries to see their policies and procedures.
- 9.8. Poetry: The deadline for submitting poems had to be extended for a week because as of March 20, 85 poets have submitted poems. Raritan Library will be submitting 30 student poems. The reading will be Monday April 24.
- 9.9. Protecting Our Immigrant Neighbors: Sheribel Aguilar and Kym Kirkley attended the Legal Services session. Linda Crittenden attended the Wraparound & Community Support group.
- 9.10. Tax Help: All the appointments have been booked.
- 9.11. Turkey Vultures: Six turkey vultures have been observed on the library roof.
- 9.12. Wireless: The Henry Guest House will soon have a wireless connection. Current use in the library in February was:



- 9.13. YAAR Meeting: The April 4 meeting will be reports from staff who attended the Protecting Our Immigrant Neighbors meetings.
  - 9.14. Young Adult: Trevor Hotalen has been working with Middlesex County College to create a series of college preparation presentations to help prospective students. These will cover deciding on a major, searching for the right college, and a review of the college application process. They will be presented by four of the College's students who will also be sharing with participants their successes and tips for navigating college. Resources have been expanded in the teen room to assist teens moving on to college and alternative careers. This includes an expansion of the library's access to Learning Express Library. Patrons can use the high school, career, college prep, and college help centers. A list of free resources has also been made available for anyone looking to take the main standardized tests (SATs, ACTs, GREs, GED).
- 10. New Business.
    - 10.1. NJLA Request for Resolutions and Letters of Support for Library Boards Supporting School Libraries and Library Capital Construction. Belvin was requested to finalize a copy of the Resolution supporting School libraries.
  - 11. Adjournment. Celey (Ortiz), unanimous.

**Next Meeting April 26, 2017**