

Library Board of Trustees

Annual Report 2022

The Trustees continue to review and update library operating policies, approve the budget and oversee the Library Director, as required by state law.

We have completed the first full calendar year with our renovated library and are happy to report library card membership is up 33% and circulation of print items increased by 5%! Our amazing staff continues to reinvent programming for our community members, hosting over 280 events in 2022.

During 2022, the Library Trustees accepted the resignation of Ron Bowman, who served as chair for a portion of the year. Ron was a dedicated member of the Trustees through the duration of the Library Renovation program and served as the liaison to the Friends of the Library.

We focus on being good financial stewards of the Peterborough Town Library. This year we accepted additional donations to the Peterborough Town Library Endowment Fund. We committed trust funds to cover the costs of the exterior painting of the Kyes-Sage building as part of the Capital Improvement Process and town budgeting process.

The Trustees gratefully accepted funds from the 1833 Society to be held in a fund for future campus improvements. The 1833 Society also provided funds to the town to pay \$92,000 towards the town bond payment in July 2022. These payments concluded the administration of the building renovation project. We look forward to working with the 1833 Society on other projects.

A reconsideration process was initiated by a patron in 2022. The patron challenged a book and requested it be removed from the collection. After reviewing the staff report, our collection development policy, and the Library Bill of Rights, we determined we would maintain the item in our collection. All of our policies are available on our website if patrons or citizens have questions.

In 2022 we piloted a new process for selecting our Alternates to the Library Trustee Board. This process resulted in more than twice as many applicants as we had positions open. This process allowed us to reach additional sectors of our community and bring diverse perspectives to the library board. We are very grateful for our community's response.

Trustees serving in 2022 were Ron Bowman (retired chair), Laura Hanson (secretary), Karen Struthers (treasurer), Peggy Van Valkenburgh, and John Lawlor. Peggy and John were elected to fill the remainder of Marcia Patten and Ron Bowman's terms. Our three alternates are Christine Mann, Eric McCall, and Kristen Ramey.

We hope those of you who have not yet come in to see the new library will visit this year. Our staff are ready to help you to find a program, audiobook, book, or DVD that will help you to take advantage of this valuable resource.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or would like an introduction or tour at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Kriebel, Trustee Chair