

Welcome to the October 24, 2022 Annual Meeting
Judy Danielson, President

The Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome you to the 128th Annual Meeting of the Wayne Library Association.

Thankfully we have survived the pandemic well over the past 29 months and are able to maintain normal hours and regular library services. We also provide flexible services to meet individual needs as the virus is still around and impacting our patrons. Janet, our librarian for the past 35 years, still monitors the State Library zoom meetings offered each month with updates on any changing protocols.

Over the summer, our outdoor tent hosted weekly children's programs as well as a variety of outdoor meetings and other events. The tent space, with its view of the lake, is a lovely space when the weather is nice. Utilizing our flat lawn in front of the parking lot, we had a wonderful outdoor party celebrating 10 years since the Williams House was purchased and renovated. Everyone was invited and Julie from the General Store catered.

In the spring, we collaborated with the Wayne Elementary School and the Onion Foundation, to bring in a writer who involved the entire school in special programming. We utilized funds from the newly created Flora Tucci Speaker's Fund, and plans are underway to have a similar program this school year as well. Three poetry sessions, coordinated by Dave Moreau, brought in many enthusiastic poetry fans to the library this summer.

The Williams House hosted a lot of activities this past year, both inside and outside. The driveway, lawns and patio create flexible spaces where tents can be set up, book racks can be wheeled out, and tables and chairs can be put out. First Saturdays resumed, folks continued to donate 'boutique' items, and the Alice Room received a number of viewings. Holly Stevenson and her team do a great job making it all happen.

Maggie Morrill was our student intern, and stayed quite busy in July and August. We are grateful for her positive spirit and professional demeanor. Volunteers continue to work a few hours at the front desk, and Lee Berendt's book team is well organized and able to offer a used book sale on a regular basis. The book sorting station in the Williams House barn is well organized, and used books arrive on a regular basis.

Lincoln Ladd, who served on the Board for decades, (following his father who also served) died last fall, and we miss him. Lincoln taught us a lot about fundraising, and shared much of his wisdom gleaned from service on many different non-profit Boards. We are losing a long-valued Board member - Linda Kindig - who returned to the Board for a second multi year stint and who has served as the Finance Committee Chair for many years. Thank you, Linda, for your expertise organizing years of

records, your financial acumen, and level headed common sense. We're also pleased to have Jeannie Burnett and Andrew Gorrill on our Board who represent a new generation of young parents.

FOL - The Friends of the Library - was able to provide financial assistance to the library, and able to hold several popular fund raisers. We also sponsored our annual 5K walk/run this year. Janet and other members of the auction team worked very hard to provide our highly popular fundraising auction. A combination of online bidding, and display of all the items at the Williams House worked quite well, and was a timesaver.

We remain very grateful to Dawn and Kevin Brooks for the careful volunteer stewardship of our financial accounts. Dawn pays the bills and organizes every transaction on spreadsheets that provide great documentation. She meets with the finance team, completes the extensive tax form, helps develop yearly budgets and carefully maintains our membership and address list. Kevin attends Board meetings, communicates with Kent Whittaker, our financial advisor at H.M. Payson, and provides advice and recommendations whenever requested.

The Ed Kallop and Ned Baker Endowment Fund is separately invested from our regular endowment fund, and an investment policy reflects the needs of each fund. The Library Board has access to the interest from this bequest, and determines how these funds are best used. Treasurer Kevin Brooks will provide further details in his report of these funds and the rest of our Endowment Funds as well as our income, expenses and planned budget for next year.

All of our policies and mission and vision statement are available on the website and in the library. We continue to collaborate with a variety of other non-profits around Wayne, and they frequently use our spaces for meetings. We collaborated again this summer with the Wayne Community Church doing a 3 part discussion around immigration issues, which was well attended.

Purchasing our zoom account through the Maine State Library continues to be very helpful. MaryJean Cowing does a great job recording minutes of all the meetings, maintaining the website, and keeping a yearly notebook with all pertinent documents. Gardeners Cindy Pelliccia and Jaime Ault continue to maintain and plant our wonderful gardens on both sides of the road. We're grateful for their hard work and the regular attention both these gardens receive. We are so grateful to Bud Norton who mowed the library lawn (with weed whacking assistance from wife Paula), for over 20 years at no charge. Jareb Dyer has now taken on that responsibility, as well as keeping us free of ice and snow in the winter. Don Welsh heads up the maintenance team, including non-Board members, who work hard and tend to all issues relating to buildings and grounds. They do a wonderful job, and we are so thankful for them, and all our helpers. Jeannie Burnett continues in her role as recording secretary. She receives lists from Dawn Brooks and sends a letter to all our Donors, which serves as our heartfelt thanks and a record for the IRS.

We are a private, free, public library and have had a suggested annual dues rate of \$5.00 a year for many years now. The Board voted to continue this rate, as this is manageable for most families, and is an incentive for many others to make an additional donation. This policy has worked well for many years, and we are in favor of continuing it.

We will now proceed with individual reports.