

**Burlington Public Library**  
**January 5, 2016**  
**Board of Library Directors' Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order:** 7:30 p.m.

**Attendance:** Craig Winter, Marie Hasskarl, Sridhar Srinivasan, Alyssa Colasanto, Laura Hedenberg, Sandy Hierl, Sandy Mazeau, Jodi Kryzanski, Kevin Mullen, Mike Ragaisis Visitor: Logan Worley

**Place:** Anne L. Walluk Community Room

Approval of BOLD Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2015 minutes. Sandy Hierl, motion to approve, Craig Winter seconded the motion.

**Correspondence:** Downton Abbey event featured in local newspaper.

**TAC business:** New Blog for Tweens to Teens ; February 1-29 TAC will be collecting food for the local food pantry. Three local teens, Meghan Conlin (on last year's Nutmeg Committee), Emma Schatz, and Emily Porga selected to serve on various Nutmeg Nominating committees (Intermediate grade and high school), all of whom were past or current members of TAC.

**Director's Report**

**Monthly Budget:** 52% spent, appropriate for time of year

**2016-17 Budget:** Meeting next Tuesday with town officials to discuss the proposed budget

**Statistics:** December 2015 – Continue to weed collection, discarded many, many books, added materials, eBooks and audiobooks are very popular in Burlington

**Connecticut State Library FY2015 Statistics:** Total circulation fell for the fifth straight year, lowest since 2001, Electronic materials rose from 3.4 **Towns comparable to Burlington–** Durham, Haddam, East Haddam, Portland, Canton – on average across categories we rank 5<sup>th</sup> out of 6. BPL leads in electronic materials (eMaterials) circulation as well as eMaterial loans as a percentage of total print circulation.

**Building and Grounds:** Nothing to note

**Ongoing Business**

**Friends Update:** Received a monetary gift in Bob Merrimam's name from the Main Street Fund, unanimously voted to fundraise for specific reasons and not blindly solicit donations in the name of the library. Friends were asked and will consider to cover the total cost of the magazine subscriptions, library has decided not to run the February event asking for magazine subscriptions.

**Expansion Project:** January 14 deadline for proposals for construction manager/general contractor with goal to select and have in place by end of February. Currently 6 proposals received. In the meantime, architect is still working on designs.

Mike shared: Teen area in the main library of El Paso has a viewing area with a large screen, study areas are popular, set of computer stations (12). two sewing machines, maker's space with two 3D printers, video and audio production room. Off the main lobby of the main library there is a Friend's bookstore.

**New business:** n/a

**Miscellaneous:** n/a

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 2, 2016

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:45 p.m.

**Submitted by:** Jodi Kryzanski, BOLD Secretary