

**Brooks Memorial Library  
Fine Arts Committee Meeting  
June 6, 2016, 4:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Judith Bellamy, Connie Bresnahan, Howard Burrows, Christine deVallet; Staff: Starr LaTronica;  
**Absent:** Prudence Baird. **Guests:** Elizabeth McCollum, Alex Stinson.

**1. Call to order:** Howard called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

**2. Public comment:** None

**3. Minutes of February 28, 2016:** The minutes were unanimously approved.

**4. New Business**

- **Committee Membership:** Pam Becker and Helene Henry have resigned from the committee. New trustee Connie Bresnahan, a retired middle school teacher, has joined. Elizabeth McCollum will send a letter of interest in joining the committee. Alex Stinson will remain as a consultant on digital/Wikimedia matters. Committee members and guests introduced themselves.
- **Building & Grounds Update:** With insufficient time to make a formal inventory, Christine has been listing and measuring all items in FA storage and working with architect Chip Greenberg (who has been enthusiastic and responsive) to plan for efficient use of space in the new storage room. Starr reported that services of the project manager have been suspended in favor of a construction manager to oversee the actual work. An RFQ (request for quote) for that position has been issued.
- **Five-year Strategic Plan Update:** There was discussion about partnering with other cultural organizations for offsite display and storage space. Howard and Starr reported that the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center and the Municipal Center have been contacted and found to have no appropriate space. Brattleboro Memorial Hospital was suggested for display in view of their active local art display spaces. Marlboro College and Graduate Center and SIT (School for International Training) were also suggested as possible partners. Howard noted that a new five-year plan could provide opportunity to attract funding for new partnerships/collaborations related to specific objectives.
- There was brief discussion of regional groups, specifically New England Museum Association (NEMA), that sponsor programs of interest to the library. Judith had emailed about two such programs recently, and she described NEMA's professional interest groups' meetings/presentations. Howard suggested the library could invite recognized experts to present similar programs at the library for the benefit of local organizations.
- **Display Schedule:** Christine said there will likely be a final exhibit on the mezzanine walls at the end of the month. No more displays will occur until after construction is completed. There was discussion about the donated display case and those remaining, including the relocation or possible elimination of the children's book illustrators cases on the second floor. Judith emphasized the importance of continuing the children's illustrators program and keeping its display cases. (Note: Exhibits are scheduled through November.)
- **Wikithon:** Alex described Wikimedia's "Edit-a-Thon," at which groups of about 10 community members interested in specific topics are brought together to update and/or create Wikipedia articles on those topics. He offered to facilitate such an activity in August. A 30-minute introductory lecture and instruction on digital updating would precede each session, and refreshments would be offered. Each session would last about 4 hours. Elizabeth suggested printing in Brattleboro as a topic, as the Historical Society has resources. Nationally known Vermont librarian/blogger Jessamyn West was suggested as a speaker.

**5. NEXT MEETING:** In September, but not presently scheduled. Working group/subcommittee will be formed in the meantime to pursue Wiki editing.

**6. Adjournment:** Howard adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.