

Dunbar Free Library Trustees Report 2009

Trustees Cindy Towle and Joy Lamont, who were co-chairs this year, worked with Susan Mellow as the recording Secretary and Ed Jenik, our long-range planner. We utilized the guidance of Tanya McIntyre as treasurer for the beginning of the year and finished with Walter Barndt who was appointed for the last part of the year.

Again this year, the Trustees along with the New Hampshire Humanities Council, sponsored two adult book discussions: the first was led by Sandra LeBeau and the second by Rebecca Rule. Both discussions were well received and we plan to continue these discussions next year.

Work was done this year to conform to safety concerns posed to us by our insurance providers. Dawn Huston and her staff worked hard at following guidelines for a safer workplace and accomplished every request.

Volunteer appreciation day was once again a pleasant October day event and we were given a chance to voice our accolades to our top volunteer and worker B. Joey Holmes for her years of support. Again, thank you Joey.

Because of increasing space constraints, the Trustees purchased a shed that was placed in the back of the Library. We are bursting at the seams and a shed seemed a logical step for storage of items used in the Library.

Our newly formed strategic planning committee will be very busy in the next couple of years because this year the Trustees voted to purchase the MacNeil property that abuts the DFL. Money for this purchase came from a gift that was bequeathed to the Trustees from the Jeremy Brown estate. We used part of this money to have an appraisal from Karen Ryan associates and a conceptual drawing and feasibility study from Peter Blakeman and associates. Bart Mayer, our Town council and Becky Newton our town administrator, worked with us to finalize a purchase and sales agreement that was signed in October. A public meeting was held at the Selectmen's meeting to present the property to the Town. The Trustees feel this purchase is the first very positive step for a future expansion of the DFL.

Once again we would like to thank the taxpayers of Grantham for their support of the Library. Our wonderful library is a product of the hard work of volunteers, friends, staff and patrons. We cannot exist without you all and appreciate everything that is done for our library on every level. We look forward to planning for growth in our library and patron usage.

Thank you,

**The Trustees of the Dunbar Free Library
Cindy Towle Joy Lamont Ed Jenik Susan Mellow and Walter Barndt**