East Haddam Library System
Program Committee Meeting, Rathbun Library
March 6th, 2024, 2:30 P.M.
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 P.M.

Those committee members in attendance were Alice Hinchcliff, Shea Jezek, Chair Mary Mazur and invited guest Evelyn Morgan, the new Library Director

The minutes from the January 8th, 2024 meeting were accepted as reported.

The new Library Director Evelyn Morgan, introduced herself and gave a brief description of her background and her goals as the new Director.

Library Updates:
Rathbun Library:

- The “Goodspeed Opera Theater: is going to continue their “Good Neighbor Program” for the residents of East Haddam. Residents can either call in or visit the Rathbun Library on Monday morning and receive a voucher that will entitle them to 2 complimentary tickets to one of the 8 upcoming performances. These vouchers can then be redeemed at the theater for the tickets and seat assignment.
- On Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 P.M.the Rathbun Library will host the :” Victorian Lady, Cindu, and her presentation of the life of Anna Laurie James. This presentation will be in celebration of “Women’s History Month.” and will tell the history of this amazing woman and the impact she had on our area. Ms.James Is the woman behind the James Pharmacy in Old Saybrook and the first woman African American Pharmacist.
- The Friends of the Rathbun and the Friends of the Moodus Free Library will again this year **co-sponsor** a performance of the “Tanglewood Puppets” show. this year’s performance will feature a performance of the play “Hansel and Gretel.” The show will again be held at the High School auditorium. The performance will take place on April 28th at 2:00 P.M. Tickets will be sold for $5.00/person and $20.00/family.

East Haddam Free Library:

- On Wednesday, March 6th, from 5-7 P.M. the library will sponsor a workshop entitled ":Diamond Painting.".Participants will make a bookmark using this unique technique.
- On Wednesday, March 6th, from 6-7 P.M. teens will participate in the celebration of "National Oreo Day" by participating in a "Oreo" tasting test.

Some of the ongoing programs at both libraries include the book clubs, teen board game nights, craft activities and workshops, "Dungeon and Dragons" game nights, kids lego events and storytelling events, just to mention a few.
All donations to the two "Friends" groups help them to continue their invaluable programs and events.

New Business:

- On the Library website, the newsletter "From the Stacks" will be continued by the new Library Director.
- The review of the projected guidelines for the goals of the "Program Committee" will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Reminder: the Program Committee will now meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30 P.M. at the Rathbun Library.
- The next meeting will be held: **April 3rd, 2024, at 2:30 P.M. at the Rathbun Library.**

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The meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Mary Mazur, Trustee, Program Chair