

## Friends of the Exeter Public Library

Meeting held Tuesday, April 10th at 6:30 pm in meeting room A on the library mezzanine, with the beautiful view of and sound from the river . . .

Present: Sarah James, Kathy Boudreau, Pam Darlington, Aimee Delaney, Danette Wineberg

1. **Publicity Tea:** We decided to set the date just a bit further in the future so that we could gather more volunteers. New tentative date is Tuesday, June 5th. The idea is to have an area set aside in the library with information on the Friends group, some actual friends (US!) and possibly some trustees to give information and also some refreshments to draw people in. The more volunteers we have the better! We chose Tuesday in hopes of drawing in some families bringing their children to the story hours. Pam will check to be absolutely sure that story hours are scheduled that day and will book the space we need. Please mark your calendar for that day and stop by for an hour or so to chat and share!
2. **Fundraising:** It may be easier to rally the energy of volunteers if we had a concrete goal to raise money for. Kathy will contact Hope to get her "wish list" of library projects. Do you have something you'd like to see the Friends group do? Reply to this email and let us know!
3. **Financial stuff:** Our bank account is all set and Kathy and Pam are going to meet to get us set up as a donor on AmazonSmile. Kathy did our tax form. From start, including setting up our tax payer account which we won't have to do again, to finish the process took about 20 minutes. So easy! We still need a treasurer and promise this will not be a taxing responsibility!
4. **Farmers Markets:** The Exeter outdoor summer market schedule is not finalized yet. We have applied to be there in May, June, September and October so think about any days you can volunteer. More info on summer markets to come.  
Kathy staffed the March indoor market and drew in a lot of interested kids and adults with info, books and crafts. This gave us the idea to have crafts at our outdoor markets too. Denise and Chandra from the library staff can help with ideas and supplies.
5. **Communication stuff:** The Friends group now has a physical mailbox set up in the library staff work room. Feel free to send any paper communications that way. Kathy has now made several successful Facebook posts (Hooray for Kathy!) and is going to work with Julia on honing her social media skills. She would love some help if this is where your interests lie!
6. **Library expansion / renovation:** We discussed the vote and generated some ideas for next year's proposal. Pam will pass these on to Hope. What ideas do you have for the library? Please share them with us by email, paper mail or at the next meeting!

Next meeting Tuesday May 8th 6:30 pm at the library!

Sarah James