
From: Kimberly Bears <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 4:19 PM
To: Kirsten Hildonen
Subject: Fwd: FW: Public Comment at the June 7, 2023 Trustee meeting follow up

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Hi Kirsten,
Here is one that was forwarded to me on behalf of Maureen Hardy. I hope these are helpful to you.

~Kim Bears

----- Original Message -----

From: Erin Matlin <ematlin@londonderrynh.org>
To: Kim Bears <[REDACTED]>, Jan McLaughlin <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Betsy McKinney <[REDACTED]>
Date: 06/08/2023 11:38 AM EDT
Subject: FW: Public Comment at the June 7, 2023 Trustee meeting follow up

I was asked to forward this email to you both – Kim and Jan.

Thanks

Erin

From: Maureen Hardy <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:53 AM
To: Christine Fitzgerald <Cfitzgerald@londonderrynh.org>; Betsy Mckinney <betsymckinney@londonderrynh.org>; Carol Introne <Cintrone@londonderrynh.org>; Helen Palmieri <Hpalmieri@londonderrynh.org>; Elizabeth Thomas <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Donna Plante <dplante@londonderrynh.org>; Erin Matlin <ematlin@londonderrynh.org>
Subject: Public Comment at the June 7, 2023 Trustee meeting follow up

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Dear Library Trustees and Erin and Donna,

Please forward this to the Trustees whose emails are not available on the Town Website: Kimberly Bears and Jan McLaughlin

I wish to thank you for taking the time to listen to my request as a taxpayer in Londonderry, in order to maintain independent and local control of the contents of our library, to Cease paying dues to the New Hampshire Library Trustees association, and to cease using taxpayer dollars to fund events, materials or training from the NHLTA.

As I explained, I was disappointed with the program contents of the 2023 Spring Conference and annual meeting on May 9th, 2023.

The majority of the Sessions were clearly part of the Progressive agenda and there were zero sessions which were devoted to our children. Our children have suffered greatly due to the COVID19 policies and lockdowns. They have suffered psychologically and markedly in learning with test scores reaching all time lows. I would have been more in favor of this organizations output if they were more focused on helping the Libraries and Library Trustees develop programs to help Children catch up in reading, writing and Math. If they had programs to help children think critically, rather than programs that tell adults and children what to think. As I said, I do not believe that this organization, the NHLTA reflects our values as a nation, as a State, or as a town. Family values are completely absent in the programming.

I would love to hear from you, the trustees if you can point out any real benefit that the Town of Londonderry receives from our association with the NHLTA. I heard last evening that only one Trustee attended this conference and that the Leach Library is not receiving training that benefits our community and children.

Also, below is a screenshot from the FY '24 budget available on the Town of Londonderry web page. The screen shot has the budgeted amounts for Dues and subscription services at \$4445.00 and for Seminars and workshop services at \$2000.00.

Can you please provide to me a breakdown of these costs? What are all items that make up these budget lines and what is the cost for each item?

Thank you very much for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Kind Regards,

Maureen Hardy

Please acknowledge and respond to this correspondence within 7 days.

10-00	4412-000	Water Services	\$	4,200.40	\$	4,009.44	\$	3,033.98	\$	4,182.00	\$	4,182.00	\$	4,182.00	\$	4,182.00	\$	-	\$	-
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10-00	4560-000	Dues & subs Services	\$	4,540.00	\$	3,840.00	\$	4,970.00	\$	4,445.00	\$	4,445.00	\$	4,445.00	\$	4,445.00	\$	-	\$	-
10-00	4570-000	Sem & workshops Services	\$	325.88	\$	-	\$	180.83	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00	\$	-	\$	-
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From: Kimberly Bears <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Kirsten Hildonen
Subject: Fwd: Article from November + question

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Hi Kirsten,
Found one more...

~Kim Bears

----- Original Message -----

From: Jonathan Esposito <[REDACTED]>
To: "ematlin@londonderrynh.org" <ematlin@londonderrynh.org>
Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>
Date: 12/07/2023 9:41 PM EST
Subject: Article from November + question

Hello Director, Trustees,

I just wanted to share that our sleepy town library made Statewide media last month.

[Granite Grok - Leach Library](#)

I hope Mr. Underwood's points provide a platform for improvement as far as dealing with citizens with candor and not concealment. I believe Council candidate Shawn Fabers remarks as well as Mary Mcqueeney's observations were well received by all in the room, regarding the need for greater transparency in processes.

Could someone kindly advise what, if any, action plan is being looked at to improve citizen visibility over the donation process from start to finish?

Thank you! I will await your reply.

Jonathan Esposito
[REDACTED]

From: Kimberly Bears <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 4:08 PM
To: Kirsten Hildonen
Subject: Fwd: [SDGA Current and Past Members] Petition to improve reading in NH

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Hi Kirsten,
I was going through all my trustee related emails and found this one from Jonathan Esposito. Thanks.

~Kim Bears

----- Original Message -----

From: Jonathan Esposito <[REDACTED]>
To: "ematlin@londonderrynh.org" <ematlin@londonderrynh.org>
Cc: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, Christine Fitzgerald <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>, Kirsten Hildonen <KHildonen@londonderrynh.org>
Date: 11/08/2023 10:29 AM EST
Subject: Fwd: [SDGA Current and Past Members] Petition to improve reading in NH

The below email is from the school district governance Association that I participate with. You may recall Jodi Underwood, she is the publisher and wife of the author who addressed Director Matlin for the subpar explanation regarding why their work, the Croydon Budget Battle, was not admitted to circulation at the Leach Library.

I would like to ask that my elected and appointed officials sign the below petition in favor of HB 437, a bill in favor of refining literacy requirements in schools across New Hampshire.

Although the Library Trustees Association meeting in June may have been packed with DEI initiatives that do little to actually promote literacy in our libraries, supporting this piece of legislature is an opportunity to make up for that lack of focus on reading ability.

The NH Library Trustees Association itself, in its orientation guide, points to New Hampshire legislation that states that NH libraries are a "valuable supplement to the system of public education."

Please continue to be a valuable supplement to the system of public education by signing in favor of this bill at the below link.

I am also greatly concerned that the trustees do not have [Londonderrynh.gov](mailto:ematlin@londonderrynh.org) email addresses, as circulating trustee correspondence to personal emails opens up their personal emails to being subject to 91A requests....I have included Kirsten Hildonen RE that concern

Jonathan Esposito
[REDACTED]

Subject: [SDGA Current and Past Members] Petition to improve reading in NH

The state average for reading proficiency is below 50%. Over half of students in school are not proficient in reading!

This is not acceptable.

HB 437 will mandate changes to the way reading is taught in NH public schools to be in line with research done over the past several decades and supported by every major literacy group in the nation. The bill was drafted with input from national experts. The linked petition calls on the House Education Committee to support passage of the bill when they vote next Monday.

Please consider signing the petition and passing it on to your friends.

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/hb-437-support-legislation-aimed-at-reading>

There is nothing more important than literacy. Schools have dropped the ball. This bill addresses the issue in good ways. If the bill is passed, we have to hope that schools are up to the task that the bill requires.

-Jody

You received this message as part of the **SDGA Current and Past Members** email group.

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From: Kimberly Bears <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 4:05 PM
To: Kirsten Hildonen
Subject: Fwd: Tuttle Twins Book Donation made on June 7th 2023

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Hi Kirsten,
Here is the email from Maureen Hardy I told you about on the phone. Thanks for all your help with my email today. Now to go dig out my laptop so I can do my part with it. :)

~Kim Bears

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> From: Maureen Hardy <[REDACTED]>

> To: Erin Matlin <ematlin@londonderrynh.org>

> Cc: Betsy Mckinney <[REDACTED]>, Kim Bears <[REDACTED]>, Christine Fitzgerald

<[REDACTED]>, Liz Thomas <[REDACTED]>, Carol Introne <[REDACTED]>, Jan McLaughlin

<[REDACTED]>

> Date: 10/27/2023 4:59 PM EDT

> Subject: Tuttle Twins Book Donation made on June 7th 2023

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> Dear Erin,

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> I am writing as a follow up to our donation of 11 Tuttle Twin series books by Connor Boyack on June 7, 2023 and the promise by yourself and the Children's librarian to have them shelved and cataloged rather than sold.

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> You called me in late August and stated that you had found the books and that they would be shelved but it may take some time as you are short staffed.

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> It has been two more months and as of today, only 5 of the 11 books are in the catalog. I am hoping that you can expedite the shelving of the final 6 books.

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> I also noticed that the books that are in the catalog have "Political Fiction" as a keyword for searching. I would like to argue that while the books are fictional, they are not political and are mostly based on Economic theory, basic market principles and History. The genre of Political fiction includes "1984" and "Animal Farm" and these children's books are nothing like those.

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> Some of the esteemed Economists and their theories that these books are based on include Frederic Bastiat, a French classical liberal economist, F. A. Hayek, Ludwig Von Mises, Robert Higgs (Economics and the origins of Government, more history than politics), and Leonard Read to name a few.

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> I respectfully request that the remainder of our donation be shelved and cataloged by November 1, 2023 at the latest.

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> Thank you again for your consideration!

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> Maureen Hardy

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Re: Article from November + question

Jonathan Esposito <[REDACTED]>

Fri 12/8/2023 8:40 PM

To: Erin Matlin <ematlin@londonderrynh.org>;

Cc: [REDACTED]; Carol Introne <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED]
<[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; Betsy McKinney <[REDACTED]>; Christine
Fitzgerald <Cfitzgerald@londonderrynh.org>;

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Thanks for the update. I'm wondering how a nonfiction work is to be 'validated'. Could you clarify?

I'm also curious about the notion of 'self-publication'.

If I set up a company, and I write a book, and the company publishes the book, is it 'self-published'?

If the company publishes work from multiple authors, is it still 'self-published'?

If the owner of a 'major' publishing company writes a book, and his company publishes it, is it 'self-published'?

Does the NLA Offer any guidance on this definition? I appreciate you clarifying.

Jonathan

From: Erin Matlin <ematlin@londonderrynh.org>

Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 3:26:51 PM

To: J E <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED]; Carol Introne <[REDACTED]>; Betsy McKinney <[REDACTED]>

Christine Fitzgerald <Cfitzgerald@londonderrynh.org>

Subject: RE: Article from November + question

Mr. Esposito,

At our December 6th Trustees Meeting the Trustees approved an updated Collection Development policy. I have attached it for you in this email.

Erin

Erin Matlin

Director of the Leach Library

276 Mammoth Road

Londonderry, NH 03053

603-432-1100 ext.270

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