

Trustees of the Harvard Public Library
Minutes for Monday, May 2, 2022

Attendees:

Trustees: Davida Bagatelle, Gail Coolidge, Marty Green, Stacie Cassat Green, Jen Manell
Director: Mary Wilson

Call to order: 7:05 p.m. Meeting held via Zoom; recording is available on Harvard Cable TV.
Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Director's Report:

- The state Legislature has increased the budget line for library aid.
- The library budget will appear with the amount requested on the warrant for Town Meeting.
- Circulation in April was 8,688 items, which is up 23% from last year (even though it was school vacation).
- All Zoom programming has been suspended.
- A robust children's program is planned for the summer, and a 30-by-40-foot tent has been secured for outdoor programs.
- All HES students will visit the library for summer reading preparation.
- Fivesparks 'June music festival will hold rehearsals in Volunteers Hall; the piano is being tuned.
- Early September is the target for CCS to complete the new audio-visual system for Volunteers Hall; CCS will install the projector wiring.
- The library book sale is scheduled for May 6, 7, and 8—the first since 2019.
- A Chinese acrobat's performance is scheduled for May 11.

Committee reports:

Buidings and Grounds: Gail has finished clearing the weeds and invasives along the stone wall. Davida has spoken with Tim Kilhart about getting the bike rack back in place. The contract for the painting project is signed.

**Mary will find out about the timing of the wiring for the AV installation.

Space subcommittee: Stacie saw some potentially useful shade structures for the patio, which the board can discuss at the next meeting, along with the pop-up tents the landscape architect recommended.

For the outdoor program shelter, RE-Architect will prepare three concept drawings.

**Marty will ask National Grid about bringing power from the post.

**Denotes action item.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022.