

Board of Library Trustees Minutes  
July 21, 2020  
Ashland Public Library-Zoom Call

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. Minutes of June 16, 2020 were unanimously approved.

Present: Chair Bonnie Mitchell; Trustees: Carolyn Bell, Lornie Bullerwell, Carol Ambacher; Library Director Paula Bonetti; Children's Librarian Lois McAuliffe; Absent: Kab Rabinowitz

The target date for reopening the library is August 3, 2020. As such, most of tonight's meeting focused on the guidelines for reopening, as provided by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and extensively presented in writing to the Board by Paula Bonetti. Broad topics included:

- Social distancing
- Hygiene Protocols
- Staffing and Operations
- Building modification
- Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Recommended best practices

Curbside pickup and the guidelines implemented for that portion of the Library's operation will continue.

To eliminate the transfer of money during the Covid 19 pandemic, overdue fines have been suspended. Whether the practice is continued on a permanent basis will be a future agenda item.

A letter to Beth Reynolds, from a patron, regarding placement of business fliers throughout the library will be reviewed again by Paula. When this request first occurred a year or two ago, we determined that business advertisements opened up possibilities of a lack of control of types and volume, given space limitations on bulletin boards. We created a binder, available to any patron where a business could offer their services to the public.

To date, 84 patrons have signed on to Hoopla which provides four options a month. Kanopy offers five options.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M. The next Board meeting is August 18, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ambacher  
Secretary