Cambridge Public Library
Board of Library Trustees
April 20, 2017
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees was held on April 20th, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the Trustees' Room, 449 Broadway. The following members of the Board of Library Trustees were present:

- Patricia Payne
- Bill Barry
- James Roosevelt
- Karen Kosko
- Nancy Woods
  Also present:
- Maria McCauley, Director of Libraries

Minutes from the February 7th meeting were approved.

Correspondence was acknowledged from Molly Longwell.

New Business

- Ms. McCauley gave members of the Board an update and overview of recent Library programs and events, including the Margaret & H.A. Rey Curious George Lecture Series with author Kate DiCamillo, Our Path Forward event, April 7th mixer, *Leveling the Playing Field:* Syracuse 8 event co-sponsored with the Mayor's Office, and Nicholas Burns speaking engagement.
- Ms. McCauley gave a presentation on the Aspen Institute Report: Libraries as People, Place and Platform, and the Pew Report on Libraries. Reviewed key findings from both reports, and looked at how the CPL compares to national Pew findings and statistics.
- Discussed CPL's role and building our presence as a compelling virtual space as well as a physical one.
- Ms. McCauley shared the opportunities she sees for the CPL based on the trends outlined in both reports.
- The Board discussed John Palfrey's book *BiblioTech*. Ms. McCauley shared her thoughts on how topics in the book related to CPL (supporting multimodal learning, investing more in R&D). Discussed ongoing issues of access related to digital resources.
- Ms. McCauley spoke to the Library's strategic plan and the ongoing review of the plan staff is undertaking.

Special Events

- Ms. McCauley let the Board know about 2 upcoming events: Democracy Day on May 20th, and Summer Reading Kickoff March with Wee the People on June 30th. Board members are invited to attend both events.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Woods, Secretary