

## **September 23, 2024 Board Meeting – IN-PERSON**

**Call to order** (Ian Shaw) at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Susan Hassett, Mary Kane, Amy Drucker, Alicia Montano Vigil, Ian Shaw, Stephanie Adler Yuan, Catie Hall, Joe Lemire, Tanya Fatimi, Eileen Sullivan.

Absent: Vienna Wong, Larry Bartelemucci

### **Approval of Minutes**

The July 2024 board meeting minutes were approved unanimously

### **Finance Committee Report (Shaw)**

There was a general discussion about the 414 campaign plans.

### **Approval of Purchase**

The Board approved the purchase and installation of two video cameras. The motion was carried unanimously. The Board retroactively approved the bat exclusion which took place over the summer.

### **Trustee Nomination**

The Nominating Committee recommended Tom Billet for nomination to the Board. Following discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve his nomination.

### **Strategic Plan (Kane)**

A general update on the strategic planning process was shared. The Bedford Free Library is interested in collaborating with KVL. This will be discussed further at the next 414 meeting, scheduled for October 7.

### **Director's Report (Kane)**

Director's updates included below.

Board meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alicia Montano Vigil, Secretary

## **July 30-September 20, 2024: Director's Report**

### **Program Highlights**

**There's a Story Here:** Official release of Katonah Historic District Audio Tour, a collaboration between KVIS and KVL. Town officials met outside the library to announce the release of the app, which offers an authentic local history walking tour of Katonah for listeners to explore. The Library is first on the list along with seven other stops. The app is narrated by John Lloyd and Anne Twomey Lloyd. The app lives on the Katonah Library website, and those without smartphones, can also listen/watch the a presentation on the site: <https://katonahlibrary.org/kvis-katonah-walking-tour/>

**The Fruits of Our Labor: Fleshy Fruit and its Vital Service to Our Local Birds:** A collaborative program between Bedford Audubon and KVL: Nina Vigil (KVL library page and JJHS senior) did a fantastic job presenting her original scientific research project to a full house. **Drawing from Nature & Journaling:** A collaboration between Hammond Museum and Japanese Stroll Garden and KVL is a 3 part art series, where students draw on-site in the Japanese gardens at the Hammond museum. **The Well-Read Book Group** discussed *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout. **Dungeons & Dragons for Teens** has been so engaging/popular that a 2nd DM was needed (a senior from JJHS volunteered). The 10-12 participants (7th-10th grade) share imagination (and laughter). **Summer Teen Cooking classes** made homemade spaghetti sauce (using onions from the Library's garden), chocolate chip cookies and tamales.

**Expressive Upcycling Art Series** (made possible with a ArtsWestchester Grant) had its first session *Botanical Print Making*, where students used flowers, leaves and other natural material to create art. They students were introduced to gelli-printing, a type of monoprinting.

### **Personnel**

New Librarians Olivia Reinkraut (Adult/YA) and Anne Price-Gordon (Children's) have jumped right into their new positions: Connecting with patrons; enhancing/assessing the collections; organizing displays and developing programs. It's also been a bonus to have Claudia Uccellani (former Children's Librarian/now part-time) helping upstairs with adult reference and the collection.

## **Building and Grounds**

After dealing with bats in the downstairs of the library (including the Children's Room) for several weeks, and having to close the library twice, I alerted the KVL board officers, and hired a professional service to do a Bat Exclusion which is still underway. We have not seen bats since they started.

## **Meetings Attended**

- 414 Committee with Bedford Village and Bedford Hills Libraries
- Staff Meeting
- Field Trip to Dobbs Ferry Library (to see printing setup)
- Field Trip to Bronxville Library (“ “ “)
- Meeting with KPS's Leisha Douglas, Poetry Advisory Board
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Opening ceremony: Official release of Katonah Historic District Free Audio Tour