

Friends of Penketh Library (FOPL)

9th September 2017

Meeting 6

10.30 am in the Study Area

Minutes

Apologies

Dave, Jane, Lorraine, Michael, Lynne and Sylvia.

Matters arising from Minutes of last Meeting

Jane and Phillip went to Penketh Carnival and signed up 6 new Members. It was decided that a regular raffle would not be possible but may be part of a future special event.

Review of last Events – “Hot Stuff at Your Library”, FOPL Mini’s and Liz Hedgecock’s talk to our Reading Group, results of the Sunflower Growing Competition

Everyone enjoyed the “Hot Stuff at Your Library” including White Watch and they have already offered to return for another event or a talk on fire safety etc. Over 50 tickets were given out to sit in the fire engine and Phillip did sterling work in his high-viz jacket making sure no one was injured crossing the road from the Library to the Health Centre car park. Helmets were made and worn and lots of ‘goodies’ were taken home. Liz talked for over 90 minutes and the Reading Group plus other Users were very appreciative. Jane L ran various sessions over the holidays - board games, jigsaws and jenga, Lego, the 4 Lego being especially popular. The bear hunt story and craft session was very exciting with the Library being turned into a river, cave etc. The Sunflower Growing Competition was won by “Holly and Leo” with a magnificent 280cms.

Library News

Jane F talked about the Libraries Modernisation Working Group Meeting which came to Penketh on Wednesday 6th September, a few FOPL’s attended. Linda Dirir reiterated her commitment to the Library and said she was waiting for the Report then the Master Plan for Penketh. Progress on the construction of Great Sankey Hub was discussed and as to how its opening might affect Penketh Library.

National Poetry Day on 28th September and Poetry Event planned for Saturday 30th September

Sarah came up with some good ideas for the Poetry Event, it was agreed that as we were still waiting to hear from the Poetry Groups contacted we would produce a general poster to publicise it. Jane F to organise a smaller meeting with Gerry, Mary, Doreen and Sarah to make a plan for the day. Mary and Gerry have volunteered to judge the Poetry Competition

already launched by the Library Staff on 2nd September to culminate on 23rd September. Jane L is running a FOPL Mini's poetry, rhymes and craft session on the actual National Poetry Day.

Future Events and Sessions – National Libraries Week 9th - 14th October, RAF Burtonwood Association on 14th November

Jane F suggested a Warrington wide “Borrow a book day” for 14th October as it was 12 months since the original event to publicise the Save Warrington Libraries Campaign - this time we want to encourage Residents to borrow as many books as possible. It would be ideal to showcase the variety of events held in the Library if FOPL could invite our previous contributors to return and join us to recruit and publicise their organisations. Jane F to contact WI, History Group, Gardening Society, other Community Groups to see if they want to come along. Liz Hedgecock has agreed to join us and it is hoped that every day of the week we can have a FOPL input - the Reading Group is meeting on the 11th October and Jane L is running a Mini's session on the 12th October. Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th is still available if anyone has any ideas - subject to liaising with Library Staff plans.

Dates for next Meeting

10.30 am in the Study Area on Saturday 18th November.

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None.