

**Abington Public Library
Budget Subcommittee**

Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2010

Called to Order: 5:30

Attendees:

Henry DiCarlo, Chairman

Gail Bergin, Budget Subcommittee

Kathy Jones, Budget Subcommittee

Deb Grimmett, Acting Library Director

After discussing the items listed in the attached 'Service Reduction Proposal for FY 2011, the Budget Subcommittee agreed to the recommendations by Deb and to bring all issues to the full board meeting on July 19, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40.

Submitted by,
Kathy Jones

Abington Public Library

Service Reduction Proposal for FY'11

Hours Open

- Friday closure. Monday evening closure continues. Saturday closure at 3:30 PM continues.
- Saturday hours offered from Sept. 11 – May 28 (minimum to retain hours for certification).

Children's / Teen Services

- Children's Librarian position unfilled.
- Eliminate visits to the Library from public school classes.
- Eliminate the winter session for preschool programs. Reduce fall and spring sessions to six weeks each. 43% reduction in overall preschool/toddler programs.
- Eliminate monthly afterschool programs for elementary-aged children. Offer a total of 4 programs for the school year. 43% reduction in elementary-aged programs.
- Children's / Teen Book Discussion groups change to parent volunteer discussion leaders. Staff assistance will be necessary for title selection, group organization, and leading at least one discussion per group. Eliminate High School Book Club (grades 10 – 12).
- Implications of LSTA grant acceptance (assumes Federal funding, grant application approved by MBLC) – Do we have the ability to administer the grant?

Adult Services

- Eliminate service at the Senior Center.
- Adult programs - limit staff involvement and number of programs.