

# TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

## Meeting of the Trustees Special Collections Committee

Thursday, February 11, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

Commonwealth Salon, Central Library

Boston Public Library

700 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

### AGENDA

- I. Welcome  
*William Stoneman, Committee Chair*
- II. Review of Notes of May 7, 2015 Meeting (Attachment 1)
- III. Review of Notes of October 13, 2015 Meeting (Attachment 2)
- IV. Chair's Report  
*William Stoneman, Committee Chair*
  - A. Interim President Report  
*David Leonard, BPL Interim President*
  - B. Champlain Map Update  
*Laura Irmscher, Chief of Collections Strategy*
  - C. Audubon Prints  
*Beth Prindle, Acting Head of Special Collections*
- V. Special Collections Updates  
*Laura Irmscher, Chief of Collections Strategy*
  - A. Rare Books Department Update  
*Beth Prindle, Acting Head of Special Collections*
  - B. Prints Department Inventory  
*Laura Irmscher, Chief of Collections Strategy*
  - C. Visits to Peer Institutions
- VI. Shakespeare Anniversary
  - A. Exhibition and Related Events  
*Jay Moschella, Rare Books Cataloger*  
*Beth Prindle, Acting Head of Special Collections*
  - B. Iron Mountain Partnership

VII. Review of Pending Loan Requests for Recommendation to  
Boston Public Library Board of Trustees, Pursuant to Exhibition Loan Policy  
(Objects Valued at More than \$50,000)

*Beth Prindle, Acting Head of Special Collections*

- A. Recommended Approval to Loan thirty-six (36) objects to The McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College, 2101 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 and The Houghton Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138 for period September 3 2016 to December 11, 2016, and The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115, for period September 20, 2016 to January 16, 2017, for purposes of *Beyond Words: Illuminated Manuscripts from Boston-area Collections*. (Attachments 3A, 3B, and 3C)

**VOTED: “that, pursuant to the terms of the Exhibition Loan Policy, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommends that the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the Loan of thirty-six (36) objects to The McMullen Museum of Art at Boston College, 2101 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 and The Houghton Library, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138 for period September 3 2016 to December 11, 2016, and The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 280 The Fenway, Boston, MA 02115, for period September 20, 2016 to January 16, 2017, for purposes of *Beyond Words: Illuminated Manuscripts from Boston-area Collections*.**

- B. Recommended Approval to Loan one (1) object to the Morgan Library and Museum, 225 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016 for period December 20, 2016 to June 2, 2017, for purposes of *Emily Dickinson*. (Attachment 4)

**VOTED: “that, pursuant to the terms of the Exhibition Loan Policy, the Boston Public Library Trustees Special Collections Committee recommends that the Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston approve the Loan of one (1) object to the Morgan Library and Museum, 225 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10016 for period December 20, 2016 to June 2, 2017, for purposes of *Emily Dickinson*.**

VIII. New Business

*William Stoneman, Committee Chair*

- A. Proposed Meeting Schedule for 2015-2016
- Thursday, May 19, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

IX. Adjournment

*William Stoneman, Committee Chair*

Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston  
Robert E. Gallery, Chair, Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Vice Chair,  
Zamawa Arenas, Cheryl Cronin, Carol Fulp,  
John Hailer, Paul A. La Camera, Byron Rushing

Interim President, David Leonard  
Clerk of the Board, Deborah A. Kirrane

This is an open meeting. The public is welcome to attend.

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