

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
March 21, 2017

Staff: Karen and the rest of the staff handled the library without a hitch while I was away on vacation. While I was away new shelving was installed, so one of our goals in the next month will be to do some reconfiguration of the stacks, providing improved signage to help people negotiate our layout. This is in response to feedback received during community surveying in 2016. On April 3rd we'll be having a half day of staff development, with Karen providing a tutorial on using Excel and a trial run of a showing of a "Universal Class" segment.

Programs: We had eight people here for "Quotable" *Eleanor Roosevelt* and a busy ARC Blood Drive with 22 pints donated.

Upcoming programs include:

- *The Secret Garden, a theatrical production with Hampstead Stage.* Saturday March 25th 6pm
- *Fake News, Tweets, and Facts in our Democracy* Panel Discussion (Sunday March 26th 4pm) Panelists include John Greabe, John Gfroerrer, Ralph Jimenez (Concord Monitor), Dan Barrick, NHPR. Facilitator Liz Tentarelli, League of Women Voters.
- *Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Dinner* Thursday April 13th 6pm. (NOTE, I will not be able to attend due to Elena's surgery. Attendance by a board member might be considered.
- *The Buzz about Bees with Martin Marklin.* Sunday April 30th 3:30pm
- *Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale* Saturday June 24th 9-3pm
- *Summer Reading Program* Begins Tuesday June 27th
- *Hiking in New Zealand with Patrice and Justin LaVigne* Tuesday June 27th 6:30 pm

The brochure for "Over There Over Here" commemorating the US entry into WWI is out, including our library programs on art in WWI and Women's Suffrage in September. The next Hopkinton READS series will be dedicated to a WWI title with voting beginning in late April.

Building: Nothing major to report thankfully. Decision-making is needed on the light situation particularly around timing, i.e. do we want to get new fixtures this year or next year. We would be able to put funds into the CIP if we do it next year.

I have been meeting with Neal Cass, Greg Roberts (Buildings and Grounds) and Paula from the Rec Department to discuss driving and parking in Houston Park. There are concerns about speeding, especially people coming to use the fields and adequate parking. Plans have been drawn up that would direct those using the fields to drive to the left behind Slusser. There will be no through traffic to the right on the road in front of the library. This road will be for library users only. An engineering study will be undertaken this year, with work on the road and expanded parking at the fields in 2018 and beyond.

They are aware of the potential reconfiguration of the front of the library. I spoke with Ron Finlayson from Winnepocket who says that he will draw up some options for addressing the wall and steps and improving parking.

Strategic Plan: A meeting of the planning committee will take place on April 4th at 3:30.

Community Relations: The new issue of *Library Ink* was sent out in early March. We have had a notable number of new library cards requested as a result.

Respectfully submitted
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