

Hopkinton Town Library  
**REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR**  
February 18, 2020

**Finance:** The town annual audit, including the library, takes place next week. I will be delivering our bank statements, minutes, treasurer's reports etc. tomorrow.

**Programs:**

- *Public Art and the "For Freedoms" Project* with Prof. Jon Gitelson (Sunday February 23rd 4pm)
- *Cookies with Cass* (Monday February 24 1:30 AND Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30) Town Meeting Review Q and A with Town Administrator Neal Cass.
- *Sensory Hawaiian Program* with Mokihana Scalph (Tuesday February 25<sup>th</sup> 4pm) A Family Program.
- *Romeo and Juliet (A Concert Reading)* (Friday February 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm and Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> 4pm)
- *Sweets with Steve* (Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> 1:30) School Budget Q and A with Superintendent Steve Chamberlin
- *Dan Dustin and Cobham Book Discussion* (Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 4pm)
- *Growing Daylilies with Deb Carpenter* (Monday March 16<sup>th</sup> 10am) with Hopkinton Garden Club
- *Susan B. Anthony Living History Performance* (Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> 4pm) with Sheryl Faye

*Inclusivity Program:* A link to the library at NH Family Voices, and their extensive catalog of materials for families with children with disabilities and chronic health conditions has been put on our website. Leigh continues to integrate some "sensory" components into her storytimes and we are purchasing some seating and other materials to better serve our library users in consultation with NHFV. Our "Sensory Hawaiian" program on February 25<sup>th</sup> is for all families, with a focus on those with special needs. We are still working on bringing an advisory group in this area, with mixed results to date. Goal One 4a and 4b. Goal Two 1k

**Building:** Now that the lighting in the library has been improved overall, the areas in the stacks that continue to be dim are more apparent. I have asked Irish Electric to review the situation and make a proposal. Jason LaCombe has also been asked for input. Chris Wardell is putting the library on his schedule for painting in the Fall of 2020. Judy Dibble, who was supposed to paint murals in the children's area has finally reported that she is not going to be able to proceed. We are in the process of identifying another candidate.

Goal 2 1a

**Planning and Policy:** Reference Policy and Library Trustee Bylaws to be reviewed.

**Community Relations:** We are co-sponsoring with The School Family Partnership Group (for families with children with Special Needs) a "Youth Mental Health First Aid" daylong workshop on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> to be presented by a facilitator from the National Council for Behavioral Health. We are also providing information to our patrons on the upcoming census, which begins in mid-March. The library will provide computers for patrons to fill out their census forms, but we are not permitted to assist patrons in filling them out. On May 12<sup>th</sup> I will serve on a Disaster Preparedness panel at the NH Library Trustee Association annual conference.

Goal 2 1k

Respectfully submitted, Donna Dunlop