

**Hopkinton Town Library**  
**REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR**  
January 17, 2017

**Staff:** Staff reviews are well underway.

**Programs:**

We had a disappointing showing for “The Music Man” with only two in attendance. In the abstract people seemed to like the connection with the high school play. Hawaiian Culture and Music Program with Melissa Scalph was a great success, with 22 very enthusiastic participants. Fourteen people were here for children’s book author and illustrator Lita Judge, which was disappointing given all the publicity it got.

Upcoming programs include:

- ARC Blood Drive (Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 10-3)
- DIY Healing Skin Care for the Family (Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-8pm) with Maria Noel Graves. Part of Friends Winter Family Series. (registration required)
- Eleanor Roosevelt Reenactment with Michelle Albion (Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm) for Women’s History Month
- Panel Discussion “Fake News, Tweets, and Facts in our Democracy” (Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup> 4pm) Panelists include John Greabe, John Gfroerrer, Ralph Jimenez (Concord Monitor), NHPR representative. Facilitator Liz Tentarelli, League of Women Voters.

In the planning stages are programs with Sy Montgomery, Cookies with Cass in February and two WWI related programs (art in WWI and women’s suffrage) in September as part of the partnership with local historical societies and libraries.

**Budget:** With 100% of the year expended, we have used 99.987% of the budget.

**Building:** I have been in contact with Eric Palson and Jason LaCombe, Ron Finlayson from Winnepocket, Dan Blanchette and Greg Roberts, Kevin Gardner, and Neal Cass about attending a meeting to discuss the front of the library. I am waiting to hear back from all of them before a meeting is scheduled. A larger meeting with the public might follow.

**Strategic Plan:** I continue to work on drafting our revised plan.

**Community Relations:** We will have an indoor games day on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>, on the day of the town “Funnelator” event. I continue to work with the MUSE group of historical societies and libraries on planning events to commemorate WWI. Look at <http://www.overthereoverhere.com> for a full list of programs.

Respectfully submitted  
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