

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
June 28, 2016

Programs: We had 32 people at the “Endurance” documentary showing on May 24th and 65 people at the Deborah Wyndham ragtime piano concert on June 12th.

Upcoming Programs

- **Summer Reading Program. July and August “On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!”**
- **Touch a Truck Event. (Friday September 16th 6-7pm)**

At this point it appears that we have fewer kids than usual registered for our Summer Reading Program. We continue to get very positive feedback about our children’s programming, but realize that there is significant competition with other programs that offer more extensive options. After the completion of this year’s SRP, we will consider whether a redesign is called for.

Budget: With 58% of the year remaining, we have used 39.1% of our budget. I continue to work on a report of all of our technology related expenses to help to inform the creation of a technology plan, which I will present to you in July.

Building: There are no pressing building issues at the moment, but several major pending projects:

- Carpeting for the community room should be installed this Fall, as well as new tiling in the hall and kitchen.
- Bids for installing base board heating in the community room should be sought; this project should be done before the carpet is installed.
- Plans for redesigning the front of the library need to be made. A meeting with members of the Town Road Department, SMP architects and some local landscapers should be planned. Community members could also be invited, or invited to a separate meeting.
- Community Room Windows. I have had Stu from Beckett Glass and Contractor Chris Boudette look at the window in the CR that no longer goes up and down. Others in the room are also showing wear. This product is no longer made. Stu says that it is not a project they could take on and Chris indicates that replacement could be very costly and challenging. How much of a priority is it to fix the situation?

Strategic Plan: We had another constructive meeting of the planning committee in early June—Sara Persechino is the newest member of the committee. A mini focus group was held with the Select Board in June, which confirmed positive attitudes and appreciation for the library. Programs like “Cookies with Cass” were especially noted and we were encouraged to continue to play that type of convening role. Susan Feltus and Chris Hamm surveyed people in the Everyday Café in late May. Although they found that overall feelings about the library were very positive, they did encounter some people who stated that they feel that too much of their tax dollar goes to the library or those that just

say they would never use the library either because they buy their own books or don't feel the need. Can these attitudes be changed? We are in the process of planning focus groups in July and August including non-users, families and regular library users and high school students. Susan Covert will be facilitating those sessions. We expect to have a draft Long Range Plan for review this Fall.

Community Relations: We should have the READ posters created by Hopkinton High School students by mid-July. We are hosting an ARC blood drive on Monday July 18th. With Tim Bassett we arranged that anyone who donates blood will receive a coupon for an ice cream cone at Gould Hill. At this point there are no plans for the Library to have any event at the July 4th festivities in town. Our high school intern who removed the hard drive in Karen Dixon's computer will be going to court in July.

Respectfully Submitted, Donna V. Dunlop