

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
February 22, 2017

Staff: Staff reviews have been completed. I will be away from February 25th to March 14th and Karen Dixon will be in charge. She will call Elaine Loft and Neal Cass in the event of issues.

Programs: We had 27 people here for the Skin Care workshop. This year we will be handing out evaluation forms after some of our programs to get an idea about participant satisfaction and also to hear about ideas for future programs. Twenty one people attended “Cookies with Cass” for a lively discussion. This past Sunday was incredibly busy at the library with our participation in the Rec Department’s Funnelator event—we invited families to come inside for indoor games as well.

Upcoming programs include:

- *“Quotable” Eleanor Roosevelt* with Michelle Albion (Thursday March 16th 7pm) for Women’s History Month
- *ARC Blood Drive*. Monday March 20th 10-3pm. (anyone want to volunteer?!)
- *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), NHPR representative. Facilitator Liz Tentarelli, League of Women Voters.
- *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

We have a display of WWI posters from the Hopkinton Historical Society in our gallery as part of our participation in the regional “Over There Over Here” series. Also on display are fiction and non-fiction titles and movies focusing on WWI. Look at <http://www.overthereoverhere.com> for a full list of programs.

Building: Somehow this hasn’t been the month to set up a meeting with anyone regarding the front of the library. At today’s meeting, trustees need to sign form for CIP funds release to pay for new Air Temperature Control System.

We had an inspection last week by our friends at the fire department. Overall things are in pretty good shape. You should be aware of two of their issues in particular:

- 1) The porch exits, which are currently secured with bolt locks, need to be left unbolted during our open hours. The doors can still be in the locked position, but the bolt locks prohibit swift exit, so must be opened in the AM. They should be re-bolted upon closing. This information will be added to our opening and closing procedures (and the flag!) and I’ll need to show that to Jeff Yale, the fire chief.

- 2) The steps exiting the porches and the area around the double door in the community room also must be shoveled out to allow for people to exit. I have contacted the guys from town to be aware of this.

Strategic Plan: A meeting of the planning committee will take place in early April.

Community Relations: The new issue of *Library Ink* will be sent out in early March. Reportedly, this is one of the best ways the library can “tell its story” especially to non-library users.

Respectfully submitted
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