

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
September 18, 2017

Staff: Staff will be attending a variety of workshops and conferences this Fall. Our annual Volunteer Thank You event took place on Monday September 18th. Local business owner Mark Winzeler presented a program on “New Antiques” and staff baked treats to celebrate our wonderful volunteers. Each volunteer received a mum and jam made by Ginni Haines. In recording this event, I realized that our long range plan does not acknowledge our commitment to our volunteers, so I propose adding that to the plan text as follows: Goal 2. 1c. The Library will maintain and support a staff **and group of volunteers** that are committed to the library’s mission.

Library Services: Our inventory and weeding projects are ongoing. Space limitations continue to make aggressive weeding necessary. Goal 1 1a and 1b.

Programs: We have had an unusually busy late summer, with fifty at *the Tall Granite Dixiecats concert*, and 45 at the kick-off for Hopkinton READS with “WWI Music with TJ Wheeler.” Over 200 people young and old were at the annual *Touch a Truck Event*. Once again, it was a great way to celebrate town services. *Women’s Suffrage and WWI* had fifty attendees and thirty five at *Ask a Muslim Anything with Robert Azzi* and 50 at our talk with Elise Hooper author of “The Other Alcott.”

Upcoming Programs include:

- *WWI Art Talk with Professor Inez McDermott* (September 28th 7pm)
- *Symphony NH Talk with Robert Hoffman*. (October 1st 4pm)***
- *Film Showing with Discussion “WWI Through Arab Eyes” with Robert Azzi and Candy Dale*. (Thursday October 5th 7pm)
- *Adult Painting Workshop with Elaine Emerson* (October 12th 6:30pm Pre-registration required)
- *Gardening with Kerri Ann Mendez* (Saturday October 14th 11am) in partnership with the Hopkinton Garden Club.
- *Discussion of Willa Cather’s “One of Ours”* (Thursday November 2nd 3pm and 6:30pm) with Dartmouth professor Suzanne Brown.
- *War Photography with Bob LaPree*. (Thursday November 9th 7pm)
- *Movie and Pizza “Joyeux Noel”* (Thursday November 30th 6:30 pm Pre-registration required)
- *Holiday Concert with Deborrah Wyndham* (Sunday December 3rd 4pm)

Goal One 4a and 4b.

***We are also trying out Symphony NH’s discount ticket program. We have a limited number of passes available for Orchestra or Balcony 2 seating at \$10/ticket for up to four tickets. The next concert is on October 6th at the Concord City Auditorium and features Dvorak, Beethoven and Beach. .

Building: Key areas:

- Hoyle, Tanner and Associates, the engineers that the town uses, has revised the proposed plan as discussed at the June meeting. (Revised Plan to be distributed at today's meeting.)
- Ron Finlayson is putting together a proposal for rebuilding the steps and wall in front of the library. Stone wall builder Kevin Gardner is also interested in being part of this project and will be contacting Ron to discuss. Plan has still not been received.
- A single dome lights has been installed and meets the approval of board and staff. Irish Electric will install the remaining replacement fixtures. These cost \$1,350 each installed. We will be replacing eight (\$10,800) to ten (\$13,500) of these. (The fixtures down by the fireplace are mounted on a lower ceiling so they project more light.) To be scheduled.
- I have also asked Irish Electric to do an estimate of what it would take to replace the current recessed lighting fixtures throughout the library and the bathrooms with LEDs. They project costs of \$8,511 for this work and anticipate a rebate from Eversource of \$2,380. The long term savings with LEDs would be significant.
- Capital Improvement Plan. Improvements to front of library; Air conditioning units; Energy Efficient Lighting in library and bathrooms; Further efforts at energy efficiency; generator.
- Proposed Idea: Addition of storage shed behind library to accommodate items including carpet tile replacements, ceiling tiles, children's area equipment etc. to free up space in our limited in-library storage. We would need a building permit to proceed.

Goal 2 1a, 1b 1g

Community Relations: I have been asked to speak to the Rotary Club the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. I attended a workshop at NH Public Television for facilitators of community discussions related to the upcoming Ken Burns series on the Vietnam War.

Library staff will be meeting with public school librarians on September 27th to discuss some partnership ideas. Goal 2 1j and k.

Respectfully submitted
Donna Dunlop