

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
October 17, 2017

Staff: We have shifted Leigh's hours slightly. As a rule, she has always left at 3pm, which meant that she was not here during after school or evening hours. Now, she will work on Tuesdays from noon to seven or seven thirty. We have also gotten feedback from some parents that they would like some programming after five for working families. Tuesday evenings will now include a low impact drop in program. This has included a drop in craft, "DinoSnores Storytime" and a Pokemon gathering. Our numbers have varied, but early feedback has been excellent. We had over forty for the "decorate a wooden pumpkin" craft. (Goal One 4b)

Library Services: Karen and I attended an NHLA conference on October 9th, which provided some food for thought. There was a presentation on making libraries more like bookstores, i.e. with displays. We also heard from a library that is eliminating the use of the Dewey system of collection organization. They have opted for word-based spine labels and more shelf labels as a way to be more user-friendly. We will be discussing these ideas with staff. Goal 1 1e.

Programs: We have had an excellent series of Hopkinton READS! programs, with 45 each at our WWI music, art and women's suffrage programs and 33 at the film showing of "WWI Through Arab Eyes." Fifty attended the Elise Hooper Author Talk and ten each attended the classical music talk and the painting workshop and 26 attended "Gardening with Kerri Ann Mendez."

Upcoming Programs include:

- *Hawaiian Culture* "Maui: the story behind Disney's *Moana*" (Sunday October 22nd 4pm)
- *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)
- *Holiday Concert with Deborah Wyndham* (Sunday December 3rd 4pm)

Goal One 4a and 4b.

Building: 45 feet of sprinkler pipe will be replaced in the next few weeks. We had leaks in two areas after the system tripped on September 21st. Our HVAC firm ENE systems will come in after the sprinkler pipe is installed and tighten up insulation and plastic sheeting for energy preservation.

I have finally met with Ron Finlayson from Winnepocket about doing work on the front steps and the abutting wall. He will put together a proposal for the work and estimates that it will cost \$4-5,000. He is also going to put together a proposal to fix the drip edge around the building (I've asked him to focus on the front of the building). This area has deteriorated over the years and looks shabby. This may be a job that could be under-written by the Friends as part of their work to maintain the gardens.

Marisa DiBiasio from Hoyle Tanner is working on an estimate to widen our driveway and install a paved accessible parking spot.

Goal 2 1a, 1b 1g

Community Relations: Garden program was a partnership with Hopkinton Garden Club. I am working with Marilyn Bresaw about getting the word out more efficiently about “Words on Wheels” our home delivery program. We hope to network through Dial a Ride and Meals on Wheels as well as at the Slusser Center. Staff and volunteers are also going to take on the responsibility of one of the senior lunches at Slusser.

Goal 2 1j and k.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Dunlop