

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

June 12, 2018

Staff: We held a staff development session focused on the online resources in our collection. It was a great opportunity for exchange and many of us played with our own electronic devices with our online databases. (Goal Two 1c and Goal One 3a)

Library Budget and Services: Preparations will begin this summer on the 2019 budget. The first step will be a review of our Capital Improvement Plan budget (Major capital projects, technology needs and building maintenance). Those recommendations will be presented to the trustees for discussion in July. (Goal Two 1b)

As part of our ongoing effort to provide access to materials in a timely way and to make use of currently available technologies, we have been reviewing resources that are available to libraries in the state that complement what we currently offer. One of the challenges is to offer more ready access to new titles and the other is to offer access to new types of content and devices. We are developing a grid comparing various resources and one that stands out is "Hoopla," which provides ebooks, eaudio, movies, tv shows, music albums and comics and graphic novels, the final four of which are currently not among our online offerings. Differences include:

- Titles always available
- Library pays per circulation, not one defined lump sum
- Invoiced on monthly basis so monitoring is possible
- \$1000 start up fee goes toward future circ costs
- Concord Public is budgeting \$12,000 for this service next year; Bow pays \$650/month for 300 checkouts/month or \$7,800.

We have a Library Foundation meeting on Thursday 6/14. I will discuss a possible investment in the start up cost, but we should anticipate a possible increase in our materials budget going forward. Our materials budget has been at \$29,000 annually since I started in 2008.

It is also likely that we will need to update our website with something called "SIP2", which will streamline access to all of our online resources. Right now library patrons use different logins and passwords for various services. With SIP2 all access would be through one's library card. I will be reporting on all of this more fully in the months ahead.

The **Standard Interchange Protocol** is a proprietary standard for communication between [library computer systems](#) and self-service circulation terminals. Although owned and controlled by [3M](#), the protocol is published and is widely used by other vendors.^[1] Version 2.0 of the protocol, known as "SIP2", is a de facto standard for library self-service applications

(Goal One 2b 2c 3a; Goal Two 1f)

Programs: We had sixteen at the White Mountain Photography show and ten at the Muff Kruse local author event and five at Adele Sanborn's Leaf Book Workshop. Summer Reading Program registration has begun for "Libraries Rock"—many great programs on the docket.

Upcoming Programs:

- Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale (Friday June 22-Sunday June 24th)
- Vietnam War Documentary Excerpt on Veteran Voices facilitated by NH Humanities Presenter Dan Vallone. (Thursday August 9th 7pm)
- Constitution Day Celebration (Tuesday September 18th 10 to 8pm) Daylong reading of US Constitution with visiting readers.

- Twentieth Anniversary Celebration (October 2018 dates TBD Family Day Sunday October 14th 1-3) Including music by Tall Granite Big Band and an art project out in front of the library..

Goal One 4a and 4b. Goal Two 1k

Building: LIGHTS: Irish Electric will begin the process of retrofitting our lights this month and throughout the summer.

INSULATION: We have invited EEI, Energy Improvements and Northern Insulation to come to review our insulation needs and present proposals for work this summer and fall. (EEI, Energy Improvements and Northern Insulation.)

Goal Two 1a and 1b.

Community Relations: The book return box at Town Hall has been installed and is in active use! Including for book donations. Our next issue of *Library Ink* was mailed out to all households in early June.

Goal Two 1e, 1j and 1k

Respectfully submitted, Donna Dunlop