

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
March 31, 2021

Library Staff: The staff has done a great job holding down the fort while I've been out for hip surgery. It is evidence once again of how extraordinarily fortunate we are to have the staff we do. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: We continue to operate with a tentative budget until Town Meeting takes place on May 1st. Town auditors had no issues with the 2020 financials presented. Goal Two 1a

Library Services: Curbside pickup continues to be steady as does our circulation of print materials. Adult fiction circulation was up by 4% over this time last year and juvenile fiction up 7 % and non-fiction by 63%. Downloadable circulation was up 40% over last year in February. Goal One 1a

Karen continues to offer a "Drop In Tech Help" program every Thursday via Zoom though few people are taking advantage of the service. Her monthly book discussion zoom continues to reach approximately twelve participants. Goal One 3e

Programs: Two children's events took place via zoom in February: A Mr. Aaron concert for more than 50 participants and a comics drawing workshop for 13, both supported by the Library's Foundation. The AARP TaxAide program served 124 individuals in February and a similar number in March.

Our kick off event for Hopkinton READS!, our community read with the Hopkinton School District of "How to Make a Slave" by Jerald Walker took place on March 25th with approximately forty attendees. A recording of the event as well as the power point slides is available on our website. Additional programming will take place this May, including a book discussion facilitated by Dr. Dottie Morris and an art talk with Professor Inez McDermott. A panel discussion is also being planned.. Goal Two 2c

Building: Painting and staining of the exterior of the library will begin in April. We need to make a choice about a new color for the arch over the door. If anyone would like to weigh in, this is the time! The Children's Room mural project by Barb Diaz will begin in April as well underwritten by the Loft Family.

In the months ahead, we should discuss and prioritize several capital projects including:

- The panic button and keypad entry project
- Generator
- Improved accessibility at the library
- Porch conversion into storage space. Goal Two 1

Planning and Policy: Trustees will discuss the Materials Selection Policy. Goal Two 1g

Community Relations: Yankee Chronicle, a show on our local cable network YCN Communications will be filming in the community room on April 22nd. I will talk about library programming and others will discuss local events. Goal Two 1k.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Dunlop