

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
April 18, 2023

Library Staff: Information on staff increases has been shared with staff and PAFs should be signed by Nancy at the trustee meeting. The staff is eagerly awaiting the start of new Director Rose Jansen. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: With 33% of the year gone, we have used 23% of our budget and are thus on track. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Although overall circulation was down by 5% in March, circulation of adult fiction and non-fiction was up as was circulation of downloadable content and museum passes. ILL activity has diminished systemwide. Room usage was up by 49% and library visits (1,724 versus 1,576 in 2022) and computer usage were up by over 10%. Children and Adult program numbers continue to be strong. A Spring issue of our newsletter "Library Ink" will be delivered to every household next week. Goal One 1a 4a Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs. To celebrate National Poetry Month in April, we have planned the "Hopkinton Poetry Festival" featuring the NH poets who have been the focus of our monthly poetry conversations with LR Berger. At 3pm on two Sundays (April 23rd and 30th), we will be hosting four poets each reading their work. We are also featuring all things "Owl and the Pussycat" in April with a wonderful show in the gallery with that prompt, and a new I Spy cabinet with that theme. This will be the focus of our National Library Week celebration (week of April 16th) with the theme "There's more to the story." We will be handing out bookmarks.

We are hosting a NHSaves "Button Up" Home Energy Workshop on Wednesday April 26th from 6:30 to 8pm. This is a grant funded project from the four NH utilities with a goal of improving homeowners' energy efficiency. Our local partners include the Hopkinton Energy Committee, the Rotary Club, the School District's Energy Management Plan Committee and local businesses, all of which have committed to promoting the program to their constituencies. Goal One 4a-b Goal Two 2c

Building. The proposed patio project is moving forward. Keim Landscaping has received the \$44,000 downpayment from the Foundation. Rob Keim expects to begin work in early May. He has ordered the bulk of materials. We owe him \$44,000 at the time the work starts and then a final \$44K when complete. Patio fundraising is in the "quiet" phase and the public phase should begin next week. Trustees should review proposed poster. We have \$47,250 in hand for the project and \$38,700 in pledges and many requests outstanding. This includes the \$75,000 pledged by the Foundation of the total cost of \$132,000. Note that this figure does not include the shade sails or lighting. Amy Stone has attended meetings with ReVision Energy and there are tentative plans proposed for how the library could take on a solar project. (handout) Goal Two 2a and e.

Community Connections: I have been invited to be part of the Town's *Hopkinton-Contoocook Downtowns & Trails Steering Committee*, which is being facilitated by UNH. We are looking at what can be done to make town more livable/walkable/accessible, with an interest in making the town more economically viable.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Dunlop