

Hopkinton Town Library  
**REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

June 20, 2023

**Library Staff:** We had a full staff meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donna's last day was June 1<sup>st</sup>. Various staff members have taken vacation during the last month. Goal Two 1c.

**Finance:** We're 50% through the year and have used 37.1% of our budget. We received the cheque for the interest income on the library-dedicated funds managed by the Trustees of Trust Funds. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

**Library Services:** Overall circulation was even in comparison to last year. Our Museum Passes continue to outperform the previous year. Our computer and study room usage are also trending higher than 2022.

**Programs.** Summer Reading sign-ups have begun, and our Summer Reading Program kicks off on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm with children's musician Steve Blunt. A full slate of programming is scheduled through August. We are also running an Adult Summer Reading Challenge, which will run between June 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Friends of the Library collected book donations on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> and held their annual book sale on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We blocked out the Community Room for the week of the 7<sup>th</sup>, as the books were stored there.

Our scavenger hunt ended in May and the new one will begin to coincide with Summer Reading.

Goal One 4a-b Goal Two 2c

**Building.** Keim Landscaping has finished the patio work. They received the final payment of \$46,350 from the Foundation on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Rob Keim recommends tree watering bags be placed around the new trees for the first year. Multi-Weld Services, Inc. has been contracted to install the railing on the granite steps leading down to the Slusser Center.

A new air compressor for the sprinkler system was installed on June 5<sup>th</sup> and a section of piping near the fireplace was replaced. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the compressor failed, and the Fire Department responded to turn off the alarm. The compressor's wiring was redone that morning and is now running properly.

Community Room HVAC was not running. ENE came out June 15<sup>th</sup>. The power on the HVAC unit outside had been turned off.

The barn is being rehabilitated. Fencing has been set up around the perimeter as they dig to raise the barn and pour a new foundation. Three parking spots closest to the barn were excavated on both the library and Slusser Center side.

**Community Connections:** The library hosted a piano recital for Mrs. Gattie's high school students geared for children (38 attendees). We are partnering with Witching Hour Provisions on a display for "Plastic Free July."

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen