Librarian’s Report – North Hampton Public Library

March 14, 2018

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# Building

We were not getting enough heat in the building so we called Lamprey 2/23. The motor in our HVAC system failed again and the air filters were filthy, which was a mystery since they were just here earlier in February to find out the issue with no heat. They did not charge us for the repeat fix.

We had a fire inspection for the meeting room which is to be done every year to renew our meeting permit. Monarch Electric is putting together an estimate for the work that has to be done to bring the building up to code. Outside emergency lighting, an extra outlet in the Teen/Study Room, an outlet in the kitchen to bring wires down from the ceiling, and deactivating an outlet and line near the drinking fountain need to be done.

# Operations

We had some issues with our fax line that were resolved. Fairpoint tested the line outside and it was working, and the fax began working again.

The workroom furniture was installed 3/9 and looks great and provides a better work area with storage and work stations for processing books, volunteers and staff. The neutral colors will fit into any new color palette in the addition/renovation.

We have a 3D printer for a couple of weeks that Connie is mostly making use of. We are learning about it and will schedule it again in the summer for some activities. It is owned by the Seacoast Cooperative.

The library closed early Weds. 3/7 due to the storm, and opened at 1 pm 3/8.

We notified nonresident patrons of the increase in nonresident fees, with no issues. We only have a couple of active nonresident patrons.

We acquired Mango Languages – previously we had Transparent Language through Recorded Books. We decided to try a new vendor, though language databases get little use. We will do a marketing push to let people know we have it.

The updating of the policy manual is almost done. When Liz returns there will be more time to complete several projects that have been waiting to be finished, or started, such as a Tech Station with a scanner for photos and negatives and a computer with software to work with patrons on family history projects. Karen Sparkowich, a Friends volunteer will be helping with this.

# Financial

We got a check from the Dorothy & Paul Hobbs Charitable Trust for $7253.98.

Reconciled account balances as of 2/28/18:

* Operating Account TDBank $57,933.45
* Non-appropriated Funds Account TDBank $72,576
* Citizens Bank Disbursement account $4417.06
* Citizens Bank Concentration account $100.75
* The Capital Reserve account held by the town $334.810.85

# Staff

Liz returns to work 3/14 after maternity leave. Patrons will be glad to see her and ask about her often.

# Statistics

* Signed up 13 new patrons in February
* Circulation was up 4.4% this year over Feb of 2017.
* 95 more people visited the library in February than in January (Step Up North Hampton programs)
* The most popular DVDs to checkout were ***Wind River and Victoria and Abdul.***
* Popular new fiction books include: *A Gentleman in Moscow, by Amir Towles*.
* Popular new nonfiction books: *Fire & Fury: inside the Trump White House, by Wolff.*
* New nonfiction:

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| Harari, Yuval N., | Homo Deus : A Brief History of Tomorrow | |
| Dychtwald, Zak, | Young China : how the restless generation will change their country and the world | |
| Mann, Charles C, | The wizard and the prophet : two remarkable scientists and their dueling visions of tomorrow's world | |
| Nicolson, Adam, | The seabird's cry |  |
| Baldwin, Debra Lee. | Succulents simplified : growing, designing, and crafting with 100 easy-care varieties | |
| Bass, Amy, | One goal : a coach, a team, and the game that brought a divided town together | |
| Boot, Max, | The road not taken : Edward Lansdale and the American tragedy in Vietnam | |
| Zeitz, Joshua | Building the great society: inside Lyndon Johnson's White House | |

# Upcoming programs

* Friday Flicks every Friday.
* Chair Yoga has 4 participants so far on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 pm.
* Post-poned due to storm. March 13th we will host Randall Mikkelsen who does a program on fake news. He is the Managing Editor at Thomson Reuters and a former member of the White House press corps.
* April 10th we have a NH Humanities sponsored program Songs of Emigration with musician/artist Jordan Tyrell-Wisocki.
* A program on gardens is scheduled for April 24th at 6:30 called Pleasure Grounds: Public Gardens Close to Home.
* Uncluttering and downsizing program scheduled for May 31st with Helene Parenteau who is a professional organizer.
* Irene Tomkinson who is a North Hampton resident will do a book talk on her new book,
* The Friends Community Oven fundraiser was a success. The 50/50 raffle raised $500 and the amount from Community Oven is yet to be determined.