# Building

The battery in the emergency lights behind the front desk “exploded” on 4/20/18 causing a bad smell that staff noticed upon entering the library in the morning (I was off that day). Liz and Barbara didn’t know it was the battery causing the smell, so they called the Fire Department and they came over. Liz called Tri State Fire and they came out and took the unit, disabled the outlet and checked the hallway unit which is old like this one. They replaced the battery in the hall unit across from the bathrooms. Monarch Electric and Fire Department did an assessment of emergency lighting and determined the Craig Room and Work Room lights were not functioning. Monarch will do the repair work on those, and install 2 more lights in the main library in areas that need better emergency lighting.

Sunday, April 29th the police called and the large middle window in front of the library had been broken, most likely by a brick that was laying on the ground in front of the broken window, Saturday sometime after 2 pm when the library closed. Luckily, only the outer pane was broken. Glass Pro replaced it Friday 5/4. Sargent Stokel made out a police report, suspecting vandalism.

On 4/10/2018 the refrigerator in the kitchen stopped working. Mass Appliances came out and ordered a part that was replaced so the fridge is now functioning.

# Operations

We now offer passes to the Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine in Portland, compliments of the Friends of the Library. Cynthia Swank, Chair of the Friends and I are planning on talking to PAL at the school about the Friends in hopes of getting some interest from younger families to participate. We briefly discussed the possibility of having a Junior Friends group.

The library hosted two exhibits in April. The 8th grade Holocaust exhibit from North Hampton School, and the King Tide exhibit from the  [NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.nhcaw.org_&d=DwMFaQ&c=vYl7KJMDeuM7F-Nqf_hfailBifPmyspo7hrJGlNN7nU&r=N6NX_cHt-QVjjuNI1AhIV52-BvwSwkiuFi9sq2947So&m=9ByZvPoALAh_mTPmRKUYYg4OohvBhlLtdK-8WKeiw2A&s=DhaTMjlxoKOhS_fsWdPkrrM5kVr8dKxRt3Sv0LgUbDk&e=) (CAW) – a collaborative of 20+ organizations working to ensure that communities in New Hampshire’s coastal watershed are resourceful, ready, and resilient to the impacts of extreme weather and long- term climate change. The CAW invited photographers of all abilities to grab their cameras and capture the exceptionally high tides during our annual King Tide Photo Contest on November 5-7, 2017. The finalists photographs were on display for 2 weeks at the library. We have artists scheduled for most months this year.

# Financial

Reconciled account balances as of 3/31/18:

* Operating Account TDBank $48,721.79
* Non-appropriated Funds Account TDBank $87,494.17
* Citizens Bank Disbursement account $1417.06
* Citizens Bank Concentration account $100.75
* The Capital Reserve account held by the town $335,290 (estimated – statement not received yet)

# Staff

Liz Herold attended the Small Libraries Summit April 26th in Concord. Liz has picked up scheduling more programming now that she is back, and continues to work with Barbara Dewing updating the web site events and learning web site management from Barbara. Melody, Eileen, Carolyn and Marge share the ILL responsibilities, according to scheduled days they work. We have 4 regular adult volunteers, two of whom assist Connie with Youth activities. Connie has a youth volunteer as well.

# Statistics

* Signed up 22 new patrons in April, 3 of which were non-residents who work in town. When Connie visited businesses for SRP donations she took packets of info to let them know their employees can get a free library card as long as they work in town.
* Circulation was up 15.5 % this April over April of 2017. Up 1.3% over last month (March).
* 109 fewer people visited the library in April than in March, but circulation still increased.
* Valueline, hoopla and Lynda.com usage was up as well as public computer use.
* The most popular DVD was The Shape of Water.
* Most popular Fiction book was Then She Was Gone by Lisa Jewel.

# Programs

* Friday Flicks every Friday.
* Wellness book group and Hooked on Books continue to thrive.
* Uncluttering and downsizing program scheduled for May 31st with Helene Parenteau who is a professional organizer. We will raffle for a 2 hour consultation.
* Scheduled programs in May and June with Kiska Alexandropolous on using essential oils for a first aid kit, weight management, stress relief, and self-care.
* July 10, Bizarre Birds of the World with Steve Hale of Open World Explorers, as a family friendly summer program.
* August 9, Liz has scheduled Queen Bees Blues Program at Town Hall.