North Hampton Public Library

Librarian’s Report

June 2018

# Building

The new emergency lights and repairs, as well as a few other electrical projects being done. Some of the work was done Monday June 11, and to be completed Thursday June 14 by Monarch Electric.

# Operations

We have an art display by North Hampton resident Effie Velardo in the Craig Room.

Fuller Gardens passes are in, compliments of the Friends of the Library.

Liz made a new section for DVD series which seems to be working well for browsing the DVD collection.

We are working on creating some outdoor activities during the summer for on the library lawn to the west of the library. Lawn games and fun activities for kids such as miniature golf (very miniature), corn hole tossing games, pickleball, tetherball, are some possibilities.

The library was opened on Memorial Day by Judy Day. There was some miscommunication, it seems, as this was not discussed or approved by the board or the director. The library has always been closed Memorial Day weekend to give staff the opportunity to celebrate the holiday with family. Library staff insisted I contact the other trustees to express their concern that the library was open to the public with no staff present. They felt this undermined their value as professionals, as well as causing unnecessary risk to Judy and the contents of the library which could not be properly supervised.

# Financial

Reconciled account balances as of 5/31/18:

* Operating Account TDBank $51,649.03
* Non-appropriated Funds Account TDBank $87,188.37
* Citizens Bank Disbursement account $0
* Citizens Bank Concentration account $0
* Peoples Bank CD#1 $142,312.34
* Peoples Bank CD#2 $94,874.90
* Peoples Bank Checking Account $10,000
* The Capital Reserve account held by the town $335,614.43

# Staff

Liz and Barbara attended a technology workshop in Portsmouth on 6/8. Susan Grant attended the NHLTA conference May 14th along with Susan Leonardi. We attended a workshop on fundraising and I attended a workshop on making the library great.

All staff made a trip to the Kimball Library in Atkinson to tour the library. Diane Heer, the library director gave us a tour and answered questions. We then had a staff meeting dinner at Applebee’s and discussed the tour, what we liked and didn’t like about the library etc. It was very productive. A donation from a kind patron partially paid for the dinner and the rest came out of the Staff continuing education budget.

# Statistics

* Signed up 36 children and 7 adults as new patrons in May, due to the Kindgergarten visits that we have annually.
* Circulation was up 3% this May over May of 2017. Down 8% over last month (April). 33 fewer patrons checked out library materials in May than in April. Overdrive (downloadable ebooks and audiobooks) usage remains the same at 69 users for April and May for a total of 256 electronic downloads.
* 83 more people visited the library in May than in April, but circulation was down slightly.
* 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.
* Sticks in the Stacks meets Tuesday nights—knitters group
* Adult programs are taking a back seat this summer generally speaking for the Summer Reading Program events that are scheduled for June, July & August that Connie has in her report.
* 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.
* October 18th the Spirit Chasers will be back for another spooky program
* October 25, Will Broussard will present a program on the World’s Worst Weather – Mt. Washington.
* Nov 6th we will have a sort of follow up program by Dan Szczcesny on Mt. Washington and the White Mountains in conjunction with the publishing of his new book on the subject.

*Susan Grant, Director*

Working on marketing for Morningstar and Value Line since we have a large number of people in town who are in the financial field.

Looking into Wowbrary for marketing purposes—the Brentwood library is working on getting a group rate for this service that promotes new library books, materials, services, etc. on the catalog, website, social media etc.

The library has acquired a sewing machine to check out. I talked with the owner of Pintuck & Purl about doing a sewing class or classes at the library.

Working on getting paypal as an option for patrons to pay fines/fees.