



Director's Report

October 10, 2022

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### **General Updates**

- The staff had a wonderful time at the lunch the trustees hosted! Thank you again for a lovely event.
- The new chairs have arrived and are in the Community Meeting Room! So far they are living up to our expectations.
- The Friends of the Library have agreed to serve as a fiscal agent for the library's capital campaign, provided details can be worked out over the next two months with a small task force. The task force is made up of Revell Allen, Jan Jaferian, and me.
- I am working on an application to get the library's renovation/expansion project on the Addison County Regional Priority Project List. This doesn't guarantee any funding, but it does indicate to state and federal funders that the project is a priority in the region.

### **Budget**

- I have submitted the library's capital improvements requests for FY 24 to Kathleen.
- At the October board meeting, the trustees will vote to approve the proposed operating, revenue, and capital budgets.
- The library staff that plan programs are preparing a budget request for the Friends of the Library (we usually submit our request in October, for consideration at the November or December meetings).

### **Personnel**

- Stephanie Nadeau has accepted a position at Sylvamo Mill and will be leaving the library. Her last day is October 7<sup>th</sup>. Her duties have been divided amongst regular staff and, where appropriate, substitutes, so coverage is in place while we search for Stephanie's replacement. The position is posted and advertised and I hope to fill it by early November.

### **Facilities**

- September 13 some water was trickling in through the wall in the sprinkler closet, downstairs in the youth room. It was determined this was just water seeping in from the heavy rain. It stopped the following day.
- Service call to Plouffes on September 14 because the toilettes in both public restrooms were out of order.
- Service call to Mr. Mikes on September 14 for hazardous cleanup in the Green public bathroom.
- Service call to Dennis Newton Electrical on September 14 for flickering lights.



- Service call to Plouffes on September 16 for main line backup resulting in flooding in basement custodial closet.
- Service call to Roto-Rooter on September 17 for main line backup. Roto-Rooter cleared the block and subsequently identified the problem as end-of-life power assist flush bladders, which they were able to replace.
- Service call to Plouffes on September 21 when the new flush bladders failed and we got another line blockage. We need new toilets; Plouffe's will take care of the replacement.
- Service call to Plouffes on October 3, because the heat wouldn't turn on.

### Upcoming Programs

- October 8 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. **Ruth Farmer Poetry Reading.** Ruth Farmer will read from her new book, "Snapshots of the Wind" in the Jessica Swift Community Room. Ruth is a poet and essayist from Bristol.
- October 11 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. **Intermediate Bridge Classes.** Cynthia Watters Tuesdays, 3 - 5:00PM A prior knowledge of bridge is necessary for these next level classes. Eight weeks of instruction with Cynthia Watters.
- October 12 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm. **Fungi Bioblitz iNaturalist Training** – Zoom.
- October 15 @ 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. **Fungi Bioblitz with Meg Madden** MEET AT WRIGHT PARK As a community scientist you can make important contributions to our understanding of fungal diversity in Vermont.
- October 24 @ 5:00 pm - 6:15 pm. **Overstory Discussion Tam.** In the second of 2 sessions, we will discuss the second half of The Overstory, Richard Powers. Bring your camp chair and meet us at the TAM Otter Creek Gorge.
- November 2 @ 7:00 pm. **First Wednesdays.** A finalist for the Vermont Book Award, North is a moving story about a Vermont monk, a Somali refugee, and an Afghan war veteran whose lives converge on a snowy Vermont night. Author Brad Kessler reviews the creation of the novel and his ongoing work with new Americans in Vermont.