



Director's Report

August 8, 2022

Zoom Meeting ID: 879 0998 5176

General Updates

- The library hosted a booth at the Middlebury Downtown Block party on August 4th. Library staff, trustees, and Project Team members invited participants to answer the questions, "What do you love about the library?" and "What could the library do better?" either in writing or as a short video statement.
- The library is hosting a booth at Addison County Field Days, the week of August 8. The library booth will have crafts, activities, and balloons to give away. We will also be able to create new library cards on the spot!

Budget

- I am in the early stages of preparing a budget proposal for FY 24. I'll submit a draft proposal to the trustees at the September board meeting.

Personnel

- Laura Fetterolf and Hayley Coble have both been accepted into the 2022 NELLs Emerging Leaders Cohort! This program is designed for emerging leaders in the New England library field, and consists of ten weekly virtual sessions and a weekend in person in Manchester, NH. Acceptance into this program is always competitive, and was especially so this year, with roughly 80 applicants for only 30 spots.
- Judy Holler will remain out on leave for the month of August. She plans to return at 10 hours/week for the week beginning August 29. She will return to 20 hours/week the week of September 5.
- Sean Mayo remains on short-term disability leave.
- Kathryn Laliberte has been out on sick leave since July 23rd.

Facilities

- On July 6th the library had our annual elevator inspection and received a conditional certificate of operation good through October 6th. In order to pass a full inspection, the emergency light and alarm need to be replaced. Otis Elevator will carry out the repairs.
- Service call to Plouffe's on July 22nd for an out of service toilet. Plouffe's reset the cartridge and the toilet is working again.
- The library's fire alarms were inspected on July 28th. Two of our doors were found to be deficient (did not close and latch fully when magnet released). Public Works will take a look and try to work on the doors.
- The new alarm system will be installed the week of August 15th. The work will likely take the entire week, but should not prove too disruptive to regular library activities.



Publicity

- Librarian Renee Ursitti was featured on Vermont Edition! Renee participated in a conversation about what Vermonters are reading this summer: <https://www.vermontpublic.org/show/vermont-edition/2022-06-23/summer-book-show-what-vermonters-are-reading-this-season>
- The library was mentioned in an article in the Vermont League of Cities and Towns Journal. The article is about non-traditional library items: <https://www.vlct.org/article/library-things-non-traditional-items-borrow>
- Jim Gish sent out another newsletter update on the progress of the Ilsley 100 Project Team: <https://www.ilsleypubliclibrary.org/about-us/ilsley-100-community-update/>

Upcoming Programs

- August 10 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Meet the Author: Kyra Freeman. Join poet Kyra Freeman as she reads from her book of poems and photographs entitled: *Second Life: Poems of Re-emerging* (Redhawk Publications 2021).
- August 11 @ 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm. Book Bike Storytime. Join Miss Tricia at the town pool to listen to marvelous tales while enjoying lunch outdoors.
- August 12 @ 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. We Read Banned Books. *The Hunger Games*, *Harry Potter*, *The Hate U Give*, and *The Graveyard Book*. What do these titles have in common? Across the country, all three have been targeted for removal or restriction in libraries and schools.
- August 13 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Tie Die Extravaganza! Come celebrate Summer with Miss Tricia in the garden with a Tie Dye Extravaganza.
- August 13 @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. MCMC Concert. Emily Sunderman will perform on violin. Join IPL and MCMC for an hour of music in the reference room.