

Board of Library Trustees Report
2021

Sunday, September 12th was warm and sunny despite the unpredictable New England weather, appropriate for the Grand Reopening of the Peterborough Town Library. It was a celebration of the hundreds of individuals who contributed to the completion of the library project. From the architects, construction workers, and the many volunteers, each with a common goal. The project was completed on time and on budget. It is important to note that the Capital Campaign accomplished their goal of raising 5.5 million dollars, to make the project a truly public/private funded realization.

The Director and her staff completed the relocation of the library collection and continued to provide the community with normal (as the pandemic would allow) services to all patrons. We are thankful for the patience of all during that difficult time. For the second time, they moved everything to a new location. I can only imagine the complexity of the task. On your next visit, seek out a staff member and offer your thanks for accomplishing all that has taken place.

Most recently we have accepted the resignation of Marcia Patten, who served as Trustee Chair for a decade. Marcia carefully guided the trustees through the complex project process, working closely with the Director. Notably, she assisted with the transparent process of approving the monies available from the Library Trust Funds for the library project.

Since the reopening, we have established the Peterborough Town Library Endowment Fund. The fund initially received an anonymous donation of \$10,000 and currently has a balance of just over \$23,000. The Board's goal is to rebuild the library endowment for projects or other needs in the future.

The Trustees continue to work with the Director to establish the policies to effectively serve the community with our new spaces. It will take some time to best accommodate all that we have available.

Your new library is a beautiful space. Every effort was made to make it environmentally sound, efficient to operate, and accommodating to all. We welcome all to enjoy and allow us to serve you. We are back to the corner of Main Street and ready to work for you. Please join us on our journey to excellence.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Bowman
Trustee Chair