

Library Director's Report

May 2017

Building and Grounds

Several projects were put in motion before Greg Marles departed at the end of May. Work on the sculpture base has been lined up; final approval of the Planning Board's approval for the site work will happen at the Town Council meeting on Monday, June 12. Once this final approval is complete and the deposit to the artist has been sent, she will begin work on the sculpture. The work on the redesigned Children's Discovery Garden is slated to begin the second week of July (weather dependent of course).

Unfortunately, Greg was not able to get to all things before he left - roof garden expansion, lobby sound treatment, and Scott Dyer entrance adjustments. I checked with Matt on the status of these project; they are on hold until a new Facilities Director is in place.

At their May 24 meeting the TML Foundation approved funding for the three display units described in last month's report. Those have been ordered and we are looking forward to their arrival later in August. We are very grateful for the Library Foundation's continued support.

Recently, I met with Amy Witt of the UM Extension about improving our landscaping/planting areas and developing a pollinator garden. She suggested that we start small and develop a core group to assist with this. I reached out to three individuals who have expressed interest in helping with the landscaping in the past, Martha Palmer, Priscilla Armstrong, and Bev Sherman. We met to discuss plans and brainstorm ideas. Bev recommended that Vivian Findlay also join the group. We will be meeting again the week of June 12 to further work on the plan. In the meantime several of us have begun weeding efforts.

Staffing

Both the Innovative Programming Librarian and Youth Adult Librarian positions have been posted. The Innovative Programming Librarian posting ended on June 7; we had 28 applicants. The Young Adult Librarian posting will end on June 12; we currently have 7 applications. We will begin the review process right away. We are looking forward finding two dynamic individuals to join our team.

Summer Events

We should be ready for Family Fun Day and Strawberry Festival. I will bring a demo of the crafts to the meeting.

Planning for our summer reading program is going well. We will be using a game board where participants will travel from one Cape Elizabeth landmark to another. The board will be similar for kids, teens, and adults but with the activities different for each age group. Prizes will also be different for each age group.

We have booked 4 summer concerts. We are asking the Foundation to fund the series at their June 21 meeting.