

Library Director's Report

June 2017

Building and Grounds

As of Friday, July 14, work on the Children's Garden has not begun. I have reached out to the contractors regarding when the work will begin.

A new Facilities Director has been hired. Perry Schwarz began work on Monday, July 10. I'm looking forward to working with him on some of the outstanding projects and needs that we have at the Library.

There remains interest among the group to make some improvements to the landscaping around the parking lot. I have learned that depending on the amount of changes we wish to make, a Site Plan modification may be needed. We are currently refining our ideas to present to the Town Planner.

Staffing

We have completed the initial review and first round phone interviews for candidates for both open positions - Innovative Programming Librarian and Young Adult Librarian. In-person interviews for the final two Innovative Programming Librarian and final three Young Adult Librarian candidates are scheduled for the week of July 17.

In preparation for adding the two new staff members, I am working with staff on reviewing the desk schedules to revise them in an equitable manner for everyone.

New England Library Leadership Symposium

I have applied and been accepted to the New England Library Leadership Symposium (NELLS). This is the seventh time the New England Library Association has put it on. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to grow as a leader for the Library and the community. It takes place in Massachusetts between August 14 - 18.

Shared Borrowing Agreement

The Town Council approved the Shared Borrowing MOU 7 - 0 at their July 10 meeting. The Town Manager has since signed it. Initial response on our Facebook page and in the Library has been overwhelmingly excited and positive. As of the afternoon of Friday, July 14, it is our most viewed and liked/reacted to Facebook post on record.