

Library Director's Report

December 2017

Building and Grounds

Perry has been working with vendors to gather more information on possible sound dampening solutions and a generator.

I am working with Library Staff on developing a short survey that will give us a better understanding on how the building works for patrons. We plan to go public with this in mid January and frame it around the two year anniversary of the building. We hope to get a clearer picture of noise issues, how people want to use the space, what keeps them from using the space, and more. There will also be a question about the possibility of expanding hours, such as being open until 8:00 on Wednesdays.

New Initiatives

Alyssa has developed a Harry Potter themed winter reading program for teens. It will run from January 2 to February 23. She has lots of fun Potter themed activities and programs planned that will run through school vacation week.

We are replacing our monthly philosophy program, Socrates Cafe, with a similar but likely more relevant program called Democracy Cafe starting in January. Democracy Cafe was developed by Christopher Phillips, the same person who developed Socrates Cafe. This program aims to help local communities have discussions on how to strengthen and be more involved in our democracy regardless of political affiliation. For the first meeting, January 9, we will be joined by Mark Eves, one of many who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor. We are working on scheduling an Independent and/or Republican who is seeking the nomination as well.

Janie is working with the CE High School TV News Channel Club on having students video some of our programs. Those video would then be made available to interested people from Cape Elizabeth and beyond who were not able to attend the program, along with other libraries.

Kevin and Janie are starting a tech instruction time for Seniors in January. This will be a monthly program taking place in the late morning. We also have monthly Writer's Accountability Group (on-going) and Songwriter's Workshop (lasting three months) starting in January.

Our partnership with the Book Fairy Project and Judy's Pantry was featured in the Sentry: [http://sentry.mainelymediallc.com/news/2017-12-08/Community/Book Fairy Pantry Project comes to Cape.html](http://sentry.mainelymediallc.com/news/2017-12-08/Community/Book_Fairy_Pantry_Project_comes_to_Cape.html)