Library Director's Report
February 2018

Library Survey
The survey is up and live. We are collecting responses both online and via paper in the Library. The online survey is posted on our website, the Town's website, Library social media, and included in our newsletter. So far we have 39 reponses. I will bring a summary of the responses to the meeting. The full responses will be included in the March packet as the survey closes at the end of February.

Budget
I have included a copy of the budget as submitted to the Town Manager. It has a few minor increase requests, but overall is largely unchanged.

Thomas Memorial Library Foundation
At their January meeting, the TMLF announced the revisited grant process. On an annual basis they will determine, based on the annual appeal and endowment performance, an amount that will be available to Library. They will then provide that money to the Library on a quarterly basis. I will then report back to them on what we use the funds for, including invoices. For 2018, it was determined that we will receive $20,000 from them. I have received the first check of $5,000 and am working with staff on programs, projects, and needs for that money.

Upcoming Projects
Speaking of upcoming projects, we are exploring some new ideas. We are looking at ways to record and post some of our lecture programs for those who are unable to attend or for anyone anywhere who might be interested in the topic.
Andy Ryer is exploring a 'long distance' book club idea. Using video conferencing, we will connect people from different parts of the country and different settings (urban vs rural, east vs west, north vs south, etc) to talk about books. We believe that this will help people find similarities and connection points even though they may live in very different settings.

Updated Stat Sheet
I have added some information to the Statistic Sheet this month. Pages 1-2 have the usual monthly breakout for this fiscal year, but has an added column (more on that column below). Pages 3-4 reflect historical data, starting with when the new building opened. Because the building opened in February 2016, some months have an average of 2 years date, while others only have one year. That is explained in the sheet. The new column on pages 1-2 is a History. It shows data from the historical average up to where we are in the year. For example, this month the History column has data from page 3-4 for July - January. Next month it will be July - February and so on. I hope this

makes it easier to make comparisons. I'm happy to explain this more at the meeting and answer any questions.