

## Library Director's Report

### September 2018

#### **Building Updates**

One of the most exciting additions we've had this summer is the installation of our new drinking fountain / water bottle filler on the 2nd floor. Having a drinking water source in the adult area has been one of the most requested features we've received since we've moved into the new building. Big thanks to the Facilities Dept for making this happen for us.

I have submitted a request to the TMLF to fund a new book display unit. It will be for the new adult books and will live in front of where they are located currently. This will allow us to pull those books off of the main shelving, freeing up much needed space for the rest of the collection and will allow for more of the new books to be displayed face out. George has indicated that this item will be on the TMLF's Sept 27 meeting agenda.

Earlier this year one of our long time patrons, Dorothy Stack, passed away. I'm currently working with some of her family who have an interest in adding something special to the library in her memory.

We are finishing up refinements for rearranging the library. We will finalize our plans at the Oct 3rd staff meeting. Now that the summer school work is done, Perry is going to work on getting bids for our sound dampening project.

#### **TMLF - Donor Policy**

I have had a couple of conversations with George Morse about the TMLF creating a detailed Donor Policy. I believe that this will help clarify the expectations and responsibilities for the TMLF, the Library, and donors going forward. I also hope that it will clarify some of the same matters regarding past donations, especially those from the Capital Campaign for the building project. George has indicated a need to work with the Library Committee on this matter. I or the Committee reps to the TMLF will be updating this group as things move forward.

#### **Fall Conference Season**

Thanks to funding from the TMLF we are able to send several six staff members to the Maine Library Association Conference and one to the New England Library Association Conference in October. I'm very excited for them to experience great educational and networking opportunities at both events.

#### **Strategic Plan Thoughts**

As we are looking to revamp our strategic planning efforts this fall, I have reached out to Jane Haskell of the U-Maine Extension for some guidance and possibly some assistance. She has worked

with libraries before and has done extensive work with the State Library, Minerva, and Maine Infonet. I have a phone meeting scheduled with her this week before our meeting on Thursday. I will provide an update on Thursday evening.