

Library Director's Report

December 2018

Staff Development

Beginning in January, Janie Downey Maxwell (Programming Librarian) will start taking a Genealogy Principles course through Boston University. We often receive genealogy questions here so it will be nice to have someone on staff with that training. We are also excited about exploring some programming opportunities. We are using funds donated to the Library to cover the course.

Building Updates

I received the funds for the new display unit, which the TMLF approved at their Sept 27 meeting, the first week of December. We are all very excited to receive the new unit.

Other

I have reached out to some workplace consultants and will be meeting with one, for sure, in January with more inquiries sent.

I am working with George Morse and the TMLF, along with the Town Manager, on revising the process for how grant monies are given to the Library from the Foundation. I will hopefully have more information at the January meeting.

Shared Borrowing Agreement -- Recently the question of where we are on updating and expanding the libraries who participating in the shared borrowing agreement. I'm not entirely sure. There has been no response to the MOU from two of the libraries, one of the libraries has indicated to others who are inquiring that we are working on it. There also seems to be some interest on both the Minerva and State Library level of expanding this. I'm not sure if that is a reason for the delay or not.

I am working on crafting an initial draft budget to submit to the Town. I will have the draft ready for our January meeting. I will present the budget to the Town Council Finance Committee on either March 20 or 21.

We have received a donation from the Chase Family of Cape Elizabeth to enrich our large print book collection and our programming targeting senior citizens. We are very grateful to them for their generosity.

No policies to review this month -- with the holidays and many other things I wasn't able to make progress on any.