

## Library Director's Report

### January 2019

#### **Budget**

I have not had an opportunity to meet with Matt regarding changes to the Library that we discussed at our December meeting, so I have not developed a draft. I wish to discuss with him the possibility of adding another part time circulation assistant position. I also plan to seek increases in our programming and materials acquisition budgets.

#### **Thomas Memorial Library Foundation**

I continue to work with George Morse on revising the process for how grant monies are given to the Library from the Foundation. Matt Sturgis, George Morse, Gil Brennan (TMLF Treasurer) and myself met on January 3 to discuss their draft proposal and provide some feedback. I had hoped to discuss and receive feedback on the revised proposal at our meeting, but George has insisted that I not share the document until at least the TMLF Executive Committee meets to discuss it. It is my impression that he plans to have it discussed at the January 24 TMLF meeting, so Jason and Gwyneth will receive it before that meeting as the TMLC reps. I have indicated to George that I would prefer the TMLF to not approve or take any formal action on the proposed changes until this committee has a chance to review and provide feedback on the document. I am not sure what else I am able to say or share about the document or his process at this time.

One thing that has come out during this process is that George has requested that I remove the language from the Art Gallery documents that the TMLF will fund the artist's receptions. At some level within the TMLF, there is an objection to this since it did not go through the Executive Committee for approval and it may or may not have a budget for 2019. In the last email George stated, "On the art Gallery, this can definitely be funded out of your block grant if you wish. We might or might not be able to staff these. Until we have a plan for this please remove the paragraph that offers that the foundation will manage this service to artists." I would like to discuss if we feel we should use the normal funding the TMLF provides the library for this, look for funding alternatives, or go back to having the artists pay their own reception.

#### **Building Updates**

The shelving end cap displays have arrived and have been installed. We are very pleased with how they came out.

I am meeting with MaryKay Cooney on Wednesday of this week regarding the Scrabble table donation.

**Other**

I have met with two workplace consultants; I am awaiting their proposals and estimates. Once I receive them, I will submit my proposal to Matt Sturgis.

**Shared Borrowing Agreement**

It appears that both the Minerva consortia and the Maine State Library are working on plans and draft MOUs to expand shared borrowing agreements in Maine. Nothing formal has been released yet, but when it is, I'll update.