



Thayer Public Library

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Director's Report

March 20, 2017

Personnel

- Two new pages Ann McConville and Sara Madden have been hired for 10 hrs. a week
- Library was part of the ARTfest held on March 8th
- Jada Maxwell will be attending the MLA conference in Hyannis and other staff maybe interested in attending.

Building

- Library has been open 4 Sunday. Feedback is the Sundays have been slow.
- Draft of the revised Internet policy –See attachment
- New website is up. We have received positive feedback such as “new website looks great”, “website is welcoming”, etc. I would like to thank the tech team who put a lot of time and effort into the website design and worked closely with Cutlip. The tech team did an outstanding job making sure the new website reflected who we are as an organization. The tech team is Moira Cavanaugh, Jada Maxwell, Christina Dufour and Laurie Cavanaugh.
- 3 computers in the Children’s room have been replaced under the computer replacement capital.

Nontraditional library materials

- The library purchased a dash and dot coding robots for the children’s room that will circulate.
- Children’s room is also looking in to the purchase of Launchpad’s.
- 6 Virtual reality headsets have been processed by Tech Services and will be available to the public for checkout.

Grant

- Elisabeth Strachan is working on securing a NASA grant. It is “NASA @ my library” grant, available through ALA and Space Science Institute (affiliated with NASA). If the library gets the grant, Elisabeth will develop and implement activities and experts to speak on space science. The grant would provide materials for presentations, training, and kits to

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circulate. There would be no cost at all to the Town or library. This is a highly competitive grant.

Federal budget

- Libraries are watching the federal budget proposals very closely. Institute for Museum and Library Science is proposed to be eliminated. I urge all the Trustees to follow the budget process and advocate for library budgets during the process. Please see attachments.

Programs

- Kicked off the One Braintree One Book on March 16th. Muralist by Shapiro. Please See attached flyer.
- OLLI has started spring classes.
- 72 pairs of PJs were collected as part of the partnership with MBLC and the Boston Bruins. The PJ's will be donated to DCF (Department of Children and Families).

Children's Room Renovation Project

- The committee interview and evaluated 4 firms. Arrowstreet has been chosen and the next step is fee negotiations.

Schedule of Library Bills Payable

Warrant 2/22/17	\$11,596.87
Warrant 3/1/17	\$707.23
Warrant 3/8/17	\$10,609.43
Warrant 3/15/17	\$6,898.78
Warrant 3/22/17	\$1,052.86

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