

Director's Report

April 22, 2019

Personnel

- Two new pages have been hired. Rory and Matthew are both Braintree High Students. Laurie Cavanaugh has been training them on the Middle Level. Elisabeth Strachan has been training them in the Children's Room.
- All staff meeting is scheduled for May 15th. Some items that we will be discussing our Summer Reading, keyless entry, and the intranet.
- Marie Bowe is moving out of State and her last day will be April 25th. Marie has worked at the library part time for 12 years. Marie will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best.
- Elisabeth represented the Library at the Braintree Schools Art Gala and will be attending the Schools ELL night in May
- PLA in Reference is
- MLA Annual Conference is being held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel from May 21-23rd.

State Aid to Public Libraries

- FY19 Second and final payment for State Aid to Public Libraries was received in the amount of \$24,121.65 We received a total of \$47,637.41 in State Aid payments during FY2019. (see attached letter from MBLC.

Budget

- Library will appear before the Ways and Means Committee on Monday, May 6th at 6:30. The Mayor's office is finalizing budgets.

MLS News

- MLS is facing budgetary cut backs for delivery. Delivery services could be impacted. (see attachment)

One Braintree, One Book

- The Braintree Reads for FY19 was a great success. The library offered a total of 19 programs that had the theme of diversity and acceptance.

Collection

- The Librarians are evaluating two online databases. KANOPY offers movie streaming to patrons. KANOPY collection consists of feature films, documentaries, foreign language, and training videos. Patrons will be able to use this resource and remotely (from home or device) with a Braintree library card.
- NOVELIST is an online Readers Advisory database.
- Hoopla Statistics (prepared by Jada) –increase in the number of users (see attachment)

Upcoming Special Programs

- April 27th Coffee with Local Authors –Laurie Cavanaugh plans and implements this program twice a year (Spring & Fall)
- May 3rd The Great American Street Organ & Calliope Show with Tony Gangi (see attachment)
- May 6th Author and Licensed clinical psychologist Beth Kurland, workshop stepping out of our mental habits and into our lives. (see attachment)
- June 24th Kick-off for summer reading.

OCLN

- Patrons will be able to opt in for automatic renewal through their OCLN account.

Renewals will NOT be permitted: If the item is needed to fill a hold, if the patron owes \$15.00 or more in fees and fines if the maximum number of renewals has been exceeded, the patron will receive an email listing all renewed items and their new due dates. The patron will also receive a second email listing items that were not renewed.

Schedule of Library Bills Payable

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| Warrant 3/27/19 | \$8,981.17 |
| Warrant 4/3/19 | \$10,013.07 |
| Warrant 4/10/19 | \$ 11,468.50 |
| Warrant 4/24/19 | \$11, 058.11 |