



# 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 8<sup>th</sup>
- 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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## Building Update March 20, 2017

- **P.J. Kennedy came in and met with BELD about setting up the computer for the HVAC controls. BELD is rebuilding the computer and as soon as that is complete, Kennedy will be in to take over the controls.**
- **P.J. Kennedy also has to come in to deal with corrosion in the Boiler Room. This has to be done when the building is closed because all water has to be shut off. This will be scheduled soon.**
- **Varrasso Electric replaced the defective electrical breaker in the children's room and installed new light fixtures on the stairs at the Washington Street entrance.**
- **The glue manufacturer for the flooring on the lower level has come back and said that they are not responsible for the glue problem. They say it is a moisture problem. We are not sure what the next steps will be.**
- **The hot water faucets on the lower level have been fixed.**
- **There were 4 Interior Design companies that bid on the Children's Room. We saw their presentations and decided to go with Arrowstreet, the firm that did the graphics for the BPL. We are starting negotiations for the fee.**