

Director's Report

September 16, 2019

Personnel

- Moira Cavanagh attended a demonstration of the West Law database. Too expensive for library to purchase.
- ARIS report has been completed by Jada and she has started the Financial Compliance forms.
- The service desk schedule has been uploaded online and all changes are being made electronically. As of July 1st no paper copy of the schedule.
- BLSA contract has expired and negotiations will begin soon.

Collection

- Moira has worked with the Boston Public Library to have older copies of the Annual Town Reports digitized. The digitized copies can be found on the library website under Digital Media
- Kerri Fleming has been working on developing the "Library of Things" -**See attachment**
- The Friends of Thayer Public Library voted to support all of the Library museum pass subscriptions. This is extremely generous and the library is grateful. All subscriptions will have ***Annual membership provided by the Friends of Thayer Public Library.***

Advocacy

- The Library and the Department of Elder Affairs have partnered on two programs that will be held at the Department of Elder Affairs in the fall/winter season. First program is the *Incredible Mae West* and the second program is *Holiday Music with David Polansky*. **See attachment**
- Lyn Frano Director of the Partnership on Substance Use has invited an author Alex Berenson to speak about his book *The Faithful Spy* and what led him to write about *Tell your Children*. The library would co-sponsor the event.
- Christina Dufour has partnered with the Middle School Librarians on a monthly book club called *Chapter Chatters*. **See attachment**
- Laurie Cavanaugh will be hosting Writing Women on September 17th. **See attachment**

Summer Reading Kick-Off

- Summer Reading Kick-Off held on Monday June 24 was very successful. Special thanks to Christina Dufour, Jada and the Children's room.
- 704 children signed up for Summer Reading, 56 programs with an attendance of 2,455. Young Adult Department had 60 teenagers sign up, 27 programs with an attendance of 1,187 and Adult Reference Department collected 277 book reviews.

BLSA Grievance

- Please note that on July 10, 2019 I received a grievance from Braintree Library Staff Association on behalf of its members. The members are stating the Town of Braintree has violated the collective bargaining agreement for with a unilateral change in working conditions regarding the library closing on Friday July 5

and reopening Saturday July 6th. I saw no violation of the contract or agreement, and denied the grievance. Karen Shanley, Jada and I met with the BLSA Union Representative and a side letter of agreement was written.

Branding Committee

- Christina Dufour has created a branding committee with several staff members. One goal is to create a template that will be used for Library flyers and create consistency.

Schedule of Library Bills Payable

Warrant 9/4/19	\$22,570.46
Warrant 9/11/19	\$4,843.42
Warrant 9/18/19	\$8,030.06