

Director's Report

October 18, 2021



Personnel

- Kathy Blaney is our new page and has replaced Rory Flaherty.
- We are very saddened that long time library page Junita Mears has decided to resign due to some health issues. I am just waiting to receive her resignation in writing.
- Jada Maxwell continues to overseeing the staff in Technical Services while Kerry Donnelly is on maternity leave.
- Ashley Perry has submitted her resignation. She has newly graduated from Simmons and received her MLIS. Ashley has accepted a temporary position as a Young Adult Librarian at the Canton Library. We wish her much success. I am hoping to have new hires in place shortly.

Programs

- Librarians have kicked off a year long marketing campaign to highlight library resources.
- All of October programs have seen an increase in attendance. Staff have received positive feedback:
*“Laurie, thanks for a great evening. Liz Barbour’s demo was enjoyable, somehow this Zoom class was even more informative than her last in person class. The Six Season cookbook is remarkable, I may purchase it. Thanks again
Parent: “puppet show was amazing! It is so nice to be able to attend a few things and get back to normal again.”*



- Department's lighten up on programming in the month of November. Bookclubs, movies, take and make craft and yoga are still offered. (see flyers)

Building

- We have also had several requests to put the interactive wall mounted panels back up and to open the train table. I feel we can add a couple of the interactive wall panels and open the train table with a few trains. A parent asked for “toys” which our library doesn't put out. We have the puppet theater, train table and the interactive wall panels. Lego's and blocks were programs we offered as drop in on Wednesday afternoon and Friday mornings.

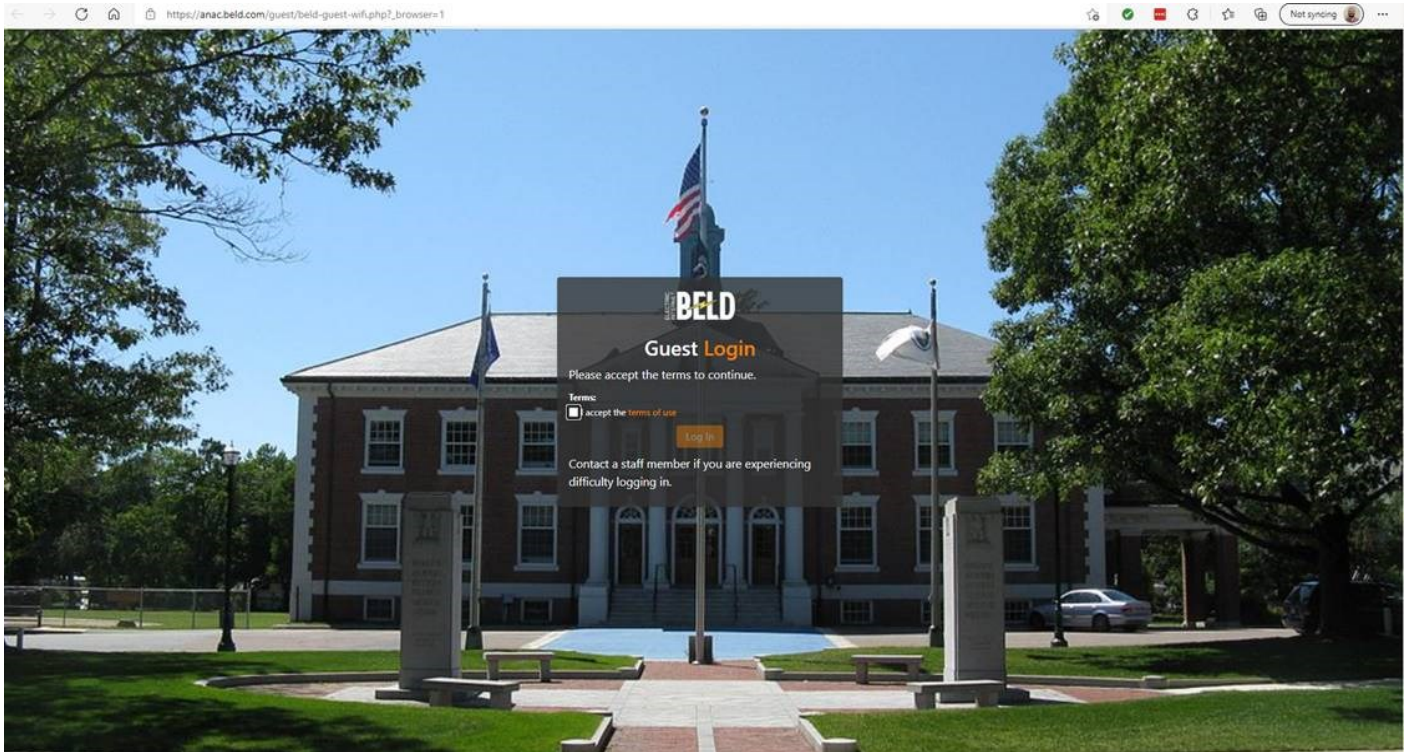
Financial Report

- Jada completed and submitted the Financial report to MBLC. Highlights will be discussed at meeting

Other

- BELD continues to add security measures and updated procedures for the use of Wi-Fi, town equipment and internet. The most recent change they have completed for the Town is a captive portal. The portal makes the Wi-Fi guest network users accept terms and conditions each day they join the wireless connection. The guest checks the box I agree.

The library building is the last building that needs to be cutover. I did check with OCLN and no issues on their end. The portal will cycle through different pictures of the town as background and the Wi-Fi name will change from TPL-Guest to TOB guest.



Captive Portal screen

Schedule of Library Bills Payable

Warrant 9/29/21 \$18,240.63

Warrant 10/13/21 \$13,680.87