

Director's Report

March 27, 2023

Departments

- BLSA signed new three year contract with Town of Braintree July 1, 2022-June 30 2025.
- Childrens and Circulation Departments are working on refreshing the library's welcome brochure.

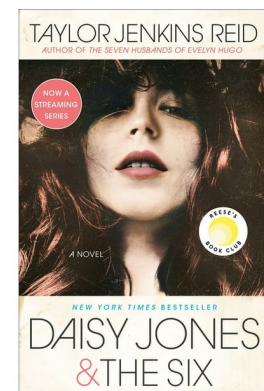
Programs and Community

- Staff have initiated and implemented many new programs this spring. A few programs being offered :Science Fiction /Fantasy book club, Board Game night, knitting club, Mah Jongg Mondays,. Special programs, Author visit Jan Brogan, Taste of Greece, Soup Making , and sewing book bag making.
- Elisabeth Strachan visited Hollis School, I attend the High School Credit for Life Fair and the library hosted a Celtic program for the Department of Elder Affairs.
- Laurie and I attended Legislative Day at the State House. We were able to meet and visit with Representative Mark Cusack and Senator Walter Timilty.
- A few incidents with the transient population in February. March has been a quieter month.



Circulation

- Circulation was steady in the month of February compared to last February 2022.
- Program attendance is also remaining steady and with the addition of the new programs we hope to see a bump in attendance . 1000 Reference questions answered for Feb and March combined and the library offered a total of 42 programs in the month of February and 47 programs for the Month of March.
- Most popular titles for viewed in OCLN Overdrive in March :
 - Daisy Jones & the Six : A novel —eBook
 - From Blood to Ash –Young Adult –eBook
 - River Woman, River Demon: A novel ——eBook
 - Pineapple Street: A novel —eBook
 - Lessons in Chemistry : A novel ——eBook



Technology

- Asst. Dir. Laurie Cavanaugh reached out to BELD on purchasing a certificate to secure our library website. Library website now has a secure https:// web address

Budget

- Working of the FY24 Budget. At this time the only request is to put in contractual increases for that have been agreed upon for FY23. With just FY23 increases the library budget will not make the Municipal appropriation requirement. However when the 25 increase that the library union settled for FY24 is added the library budget will meet MAR.

Strategic Plan

- Deb Hoadley had the first meeting with the community group on Saturday March 11 and we will be following up with a zoom call on Wednesday for the findings.



Department of Elder Affairs Grant

Department of Elder Affairs received a grant specifically for Dementia. The library is working with Elder Affairs as part of the grant developing memory kits.

OCLN Library Crawl program

- OCLN libraries are participating in a library crawl the week of **Monday June 5th thru Saturday June 17th** .
- A library crawl was developed by a few staff members from various OCLN libraries as a fun way to encourage people to visit more libraries within their library consortia.

Patrons visit participating libraries to get “passport” stamps, do library scavenger hunts, and learn more about what each library has to offer. Christina Castle was part of the committee.

Schedule of Library Bills Payable

Warrant	1/18/23	\$14,752.43
Warrant	2/01/23	\$19,829.67
Warrant	2/15/23	\$21,633.84
Warrant	03/01/23	\$7,667.28

