

Director's Report

June 12, 2023

Please note: This month's director's report is submitted by Asst. Director Laurie Cavanaugh at the request of Library Director Terri Stano, who unfortunately is not able to attend the meeting.

Personnel

- A new library page was hired, which brings us back to three pages, after Kathy Blaney's retirement. Justin Guerriero started on Monday, June 5.
- Evaluations that we conducted over the past month: Emily Bregoli (6 months as Library Page); Vanessa Bui (1-1/2 years as Junior Library Assistant); Kasandra Mullaney (6 months as Principal Library Assistant) and Sabrina Vitagliano (6 months as Principal Library Assistant).
- Terri and I both attended the Book Bans and Censorship: Managing Public Comment Sessions and Material Challenges presented by James Larue on June 6, rescheduled from May 23. Terri will order the presenter's book for the staff professional collection: *On Censorship: A Public Librarian Examines Cancel Culture in the U.S.* (Sept. 2023 pub date)
- Technical Services (TS) Librarian Jean Kennedy attended the quarterly OCLN Tech Services User Group meeting (virtual) last week on Tuesday, June 6, and will attend the quarterly OCLN Bibliographic Services User Group meeting this week on Tuesday, June 13.
- I attended an OCLN Assistant Directors meeting at Tufts Library in Weymouth on Wednesday, June 7. After discussing administrative issues we were facing in our libraries, some of us went on a tour of the new building. I took lots of photos for design ideas for future reference.

Budget

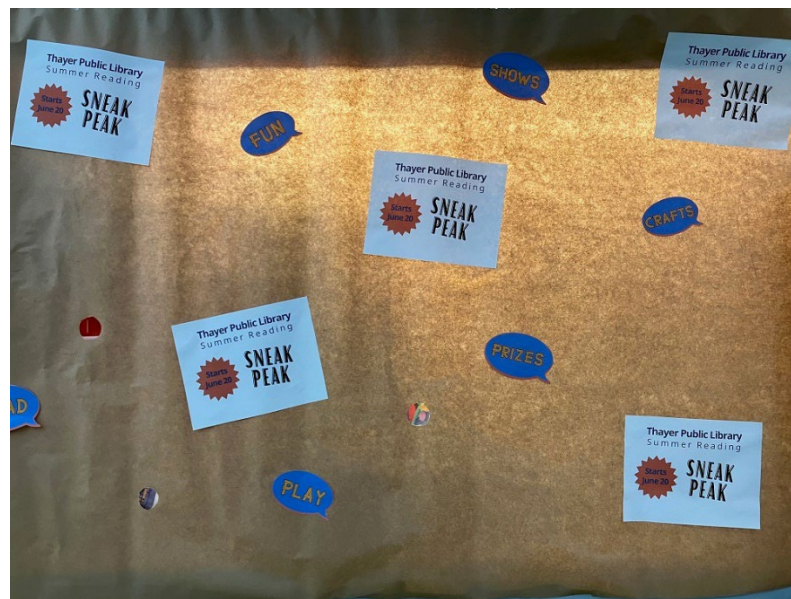
- We are coming to the end of FY2023, and are in the process of wrapping up our materials and other spending. Backordered and not-yet-released items have had shipments paused. Jean Kennedy, the TS Librarian will resume regular ordering once we are into FY24 spending. Since this is both Jean's and my first year of going from one fiscal year to another, we have been working closely with Terri to ensure that we have spent what we need to in order to meet state requirements for materials spending, without going over budget.

Programs and Participation

- Young Adult Librarian Courtney Trudeau and a team of teen volunteers put on a successful Murder Mystery Night, Thursday, May 25. It had a '20s Masquerade theme and was attended by 58 people.



- Monday Mah Jongg, organized by Reference Librarian Priscilla Crane, has been popular. Three groups of four were engrossed in the game this morning when I looked in on the Reading Room.
- We are halfway through the first annual OCLN Library Crawl, June 5-17. Circulation Librarian Christina Castle was on the planning committee for this event, which is supported by OCLN and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Prizes are funded with contributions from participating OCLN libraries. Learn more at <https://malibraryroadtrip.com/ocln>.
- Pride Month book displays in Circulation, Reference, Young Adult, and Children’s Departments are up. Young Adult Librarian is holding two Pride Month activities suggested by teens this month – painting Pride Month rocks and decorating the sidewalk at the June Teen Advisory Group meeting.
- Library staff have been busy planning and preparing for this year’s “Find Your Voice” summer reading program for all ages — children, teens, and adults. Registration begins the week of June 19, but we are officially kicking off with Magic Music Bingo (for all ages) on Wednesday, June 28th, at 6pm. The Children’s Room put up a cute Summer Reading “Sneak Preview” in their display case.



Building

- The library experienced a power outage, along with much of South Braintree, on Friday, June 2, at 1:00 pm. Patrons were asked to leave due to insufficient light in many parts of the building and no elevator. Staff did not have to be sent home, because the outage ended after 30 minutes. We did not experience any problems or issues in the building as a result of the outage. We reported using the SeeClickFix form that the light and button weren’t working for the crosswalk in front of the library, after noticing it a few days later, and BELD came right out to fix it.

Schedule of Library Bills Payable

Warrant	5/10/23	\$10,604.12
Warrant	5/24/23	\$16,824.43
Warrant	6/7/23	\$23,916.04