

## Director's Report November 2024

Positive feedback: From Jenn: a Patron approached me on Saturday to thank me for the library creating both spaces and programming that are welcoming for her neurodiverse child. She specifically commented on the variety of spaces in the library that could provide more or less noise and stimulation allowing her to easily find a place that met her child's needs as well as providing outdoor programming at the pavilion which helped her child not to be overwhelmed by a crowd. They had attended the Unicorn Story Time.

April's all ages craft program on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> was very popular and folks leaving showed their creative magnets and praised how fun it was, and were grateful we offered these activities.

- Flooring in stairwells was replaced so it is safer. Some little fixes need to happen to complete the job so they are returning on 11/25 to complete those.
- Met with a counselor from Major Choice to offer information to a student interested in working in a library.
- Discussing options for updates to the Crowley room and study rooms for more sound reductions and new furniture.
- Attended NELA for 3 days: Management courses for me, and adult programming ideas, outreach ideas were shared with our staff.
- I also reached out to several vendors from NELA about getting some advice on improving acoustics and soundproofing for our study rooms and the Crowley room.
- Posted the RFP and have met with interested contractors.
- Interviewed custodian candidates and hired Mark McCarthy.
- Enjoyed Pie with the Friends!
- Reminding Trustees and the community about our Hampstead Civic Meet & Greet on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> 11am- 1 pm!
- Reviewed other libraries' meeting minutes posting. Moving forward we will keep more months of minutes on our website. As always, any of our prior meeting minutes are available via email or in print in case anyone asks.
- The library received a generous memorial donation of \$200 from the family of Hampstead resident Martin London, who has a honey business here in town. They requested that we spend it on books about bees, so we are creating a new honeybee critter crate and investigating books about bees or honey for adults as well.
- I've been taking several online management training classes.