

Director's Report September 2023

Jenn, Emily, and Joe did some outreach to Hampstead Academy and visited 3 times. Their new head of the school needed advice about their library. They went and made suggestions of what they should keep and remove from the library.

Final summer reading numbers are 377 youth participants and 236 adults. Jenn and Emily did 49 programs and had approximately 1500 attendees for the children's summer programs.

We advertised both open positions and interviewed numerous candidates. We reviewed at least 50 resumes.

Kate and Rosemary have been doing lots of training to make the transition easier. We prepared the 2024 budget. Finished up remaining reviews for all staff.

Kate and Rosemary went to the select board meeting for the gutters and with great thanks to Joe Guthrie, it was voted that the library would receive \$17,500 for our gutters next year, Kate met with Jim Lavacchia and discussed water management. Jim will be working on some of the outdoor problems by reexamining the swale and Kate will get new quotes for water exclusion from cracks in the basement and sealing around the outside of the building.

The inimitable Bob Higgins has announced he will be retiring from his custodial cleaning job here after 13 years. He has said he will be available to help with small repair jobs if we need him though. Kate asked Tim, our contracted cleaning company, if he could expand his hours and he is willing to add Friday. Kate will examine the budget and needs to see if we need to hire a replacement.

Kate will be attending New England Library Conference Oct 15-17th in Springfield MA.

Images of America project is moving along with a lot of cooperation with the Historical Society. Merrily and Julie are working very hard on this.

This week Stephanie (or Kate) will go and get prices for the trees suggested by the landscape designer we had come in. Dennis Silva from Osgood Hill Farm will place the trees. He said we have plenty of time to still plant the trees.