

## Director's Report June 2023

### Comment from a patron-

*Thank you for all you do for Hampstead residents.*

Preparations are underway for the book sale in August. We are purchasing new bags are going to do the same thing as last year. If you purchase a bag, you can fill it with books. This was very successful last year.

Rosemary attended the second meeting of the Master Plan Steering Committee for the town. I'm happy to report that the library is so far ahead of the game on town initiatives than other groups. Some are not even attending the planning meetings.

Work is continuing on the Strategic Plan and we are assigning tasks to staff members. Other initiatives in the planning stages are book groups that meet outside the library at local businesses and a regular, ongoing meeting with town officials that anyone can attend and ask questions or hear what that group is doing. An example would be one of the Select Board is available to meet with residents at the library.

There are more requests from the auditors about the grants we received and what we paid for with them. They also will add the pavilion as an asset of the town.

Preparations are underway for eclipse programming. There are two coming up. One in October of this year and a total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. We have glasses coming that are needed to view them, we'll have the solar telescope here that week with programming involved around it. The members of the teen advisory group have signed up to be NASA ambassadors and help to educate people about viewing the eclipse.

I still haven't heard from the space audit but will be following up on that now that I am back.

Merrily is attending the town meetings about the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the library has a number of programs/ideas that are in the planning stage to fit into the anniversary.

Mindy Atwood has been named the new Assistant State Librarian. Michael York has just signed a new 3-year contract to be the State Librarian.