

**Vineyard Haven Public Library**  
**Report to the Board of Library Trustees, September 2022**

### **New & Noteworthy**

- Friends of the Library are undertaking two fundraising events: 5k Run/Walk this Sunday, and Fabric & Yarn Sale on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> (donations accepted beginning October 4<sup>th</sup>). Additional Volunteers welcome.
- Now open on Sundays from 1-5pm, Sunday programs coming in October.

### **Building Maintenance**

- Still having some issues with the new janitorial service.
- The Library has purchased a steam cleaner for carpeting and upholstery.
- DPW has a new elevator service company under contract. Elevator inspection may have failed, but not shut down.
- DPW took care of minor issues including removal of dead shrubs, repair of mailbox, AC issues, and interior lighting.

### **Gifts and Grants**

- We received the Luce Fund quarterly disbursement of \$27,463.86.

### **Technology**

- Children's "Launchpad" tablets and Young Adult Gaming computers not been setup yet, coming soon.

### **Staff / Schedule**

- Sunday hours resumed September 11<sup>th</sup>. Staffing for Sundays is challenging and we may need to hire a part-time aide.
- Much was accomplished on Aug. 26<sup>th</sup> when library was closed, including clearing out the basement program room. Would like to plan to close on another upcoming Friday to reconfigure the Children's Room shelving (possibly Sept 30<sup>th</sup>).
- We will be closed on Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> which is a Town holiday.

### **MBLC / MLS / CLAMS / MVLA News**

- The Financial Report and application for State Aid to Public Libraries is due October 7<sup>th</sup>. A summary of the Annual Report of Information Statistics has been distributed to Trustees.
- Trustee orientation with MBLC will be offered on Zoom November 10 at 10am (should also be recorded). There are also in-person options off island scheduled in the evening, and some topical "Deep Dives" that will be online.
- MBLC WiFi hotspot program is ending, and the hotspots can't be repurposed with our other discount vendors.

### **Adult Services**

- We are continuing to schedule online-only events, as well as hybrid and in-person events, with some in-person events also streamed live on our Vimeo channel. The program room will be used for smaller programs (Chair Yoga, Adult Crafts)
- 100 people have registered for Phil Weinstein's annual seminar that will be held online starting in November. A small group who don't use Zoom may attend a live viewing at the library.
- It will be helpful for hybrid programs and videoconferencing to get a new smart TV and mobile stand, estimate \$1000-\$3000. Current 40" TV was purchased in 2011 and can't connect wirelessly. Friends could pursue a grant for this.
- Patron made a complaint that having DVDs prominently displayed on main floor makes the library appear out-of-date.

### **Youth Services**

- Program Room in the basement is now available for Storytime programs, currently scheduled on Mondays and Saturdays at 10:30am. Children's Librarian is also doing a program Tuesday mornings at the Family Center. This month we've provided take & make crafts but plan to return to in-person craft & STEM activities, schedule TBD.
- We have not heard back substantially from the school administration to discuss planning for afterschool, but plan to have the program room available for afternoon activities.