

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

New & Noteworthy

- The Friends of the Library in-person 5k Run/Walk was lightly attended but made \$500 after expenses. The Fabric & Yarn Sale last weekend brought in \$1,000.

Building Maintenance

- Elevator repairs needed to pass inspection are not yet scheduled. DPW is handling and covering the cost of repairs.
- We will not be keeping the library open late this year on Halloween which is on a Monday, since the public restrooms would not be cleaned until Wednesday evening.
- Town's electrician will be looking at replacing overhead lighting with LED bulbs. There may be rebates available to keep costs down.

Gifts and Grants

- I completed our Financial Report and application for State Aid to Public Libraries. We met all the criteria and grant awards should be announced by December 1st.

Technology

- We have two new hotspots from Verizon that will work better up-island. We will have a total of 10 hotspots to loan now that the state program has ended.
- Two new staff PCs and two PCs for YA are ready to be set up.
- The Town may be acquiring Smart Boards for some town buildings to facilitate hybrid meetings, I have requested more information from the Town IT manager, and have held off on purchasing a new TV for the library until I have more info.
- Planning to order the new computer desks by the end of the month.

Staff / Schedule

- Library Page Liz Hirshberg has given notice, her last day will be November 19th. I will be advertising for an additional part-time/substitute to work weekends but may hold off on filling the page position.
- Library will be closed for the day this Friday 10/21, to reconfigure Children's Room shelving and do computer updates.
- We will be closed on November 11th, and close early at 1pm the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and be closed that Thursday and Friday, all Town holidays. Library will be open Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend.

MBLC / MLS / CLAMS / MVLA News

- Trustee orientation with MBLC will be offered on Zoom November 10 at 10am. They will be adding some additional (evening) dates due to cancellations of in-person orientations.

Adult Services

- In-person programs for adults include weekly Chair Yoga, monthly craft programs, and collaborations with Healthy Aging MV and the Center for Living Supportive Day Program. Many programs are still online. The literary seminar with Phil Weinstein will be on Zoom, with a small group viewing together at the library.
- The live-streaming equipment does not work well in the basement program room due to poor connectivity.

Youth Services

- Weekly In-person Children's programs include storytime on Mondays and Saturdays at 10:30am and crafts on Thursdays at 3pm. Children's Librarian is also doing a program Friday mornings at the Family Center. We expect to be adding additional afternoon programs for school age children.
- Launchpad tablets preloaded with games and content are now available for in-library use in the Children's room, and we will be setting up one or two public PC's in the Children's room with filtered internet.