

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

New & Noteworthy

- Resumed indoor storytimes on Friday mornings when the building is closed. Will be adding outdoor storytimes on Tuesday mornings next month, possibly at the Family Center campus.
- Completed major weeding of the adult fiction section, removing approximately 2,000 books due to lack of space. Nonfiction section will be done next. Books have been on offer free to the public.
- COVID restrictions have been lifted other than masking, however not all furnishings and toys have been put back.
- The Annual & Special Town Meetings will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, April 12 in the Tisbury School Gymnasium, and the Annual Town Election will be held May 24, 2022. Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk's office and are due back by 5pm April 5th.

Building Maintenance

- Staff are continuing process of clearing out COVID equipment and supplies to expand space available for public use, will require disposal of some items.

Gifts and Grants

- I am applying for grant due in April for Solar project for libraries, through the library vendor Proquest. Grant gives preference to projects that have a roof with expected life of 20 years.
- Friends of the library have offered \$500 for the purchase of outdoor toys for the courtyard (using donation made in honor of Nan Carter).

Technology

- We are testing the Owl hybrid meeting device in preparation for use for library meetings, potentially for loan.
- We are now adding back some additional public computers and allowing people to extend their sessions, however we are limited on space due to reading room needed for other uses.
- We are evaluating competing resources for Universal Class online training resource, that is up for renewal in April at 25% price increase. Also considering a new resource for online music lessons.

Staff / Schedule

- Have resumed full days on Saturdays and plan to extend Sundays at least through May.
- In-person staff training was held this afternoon (early closing at 1pm).
- A full time staff member has requested change to part-time status in May; I anticipate need to hire prior to summer.

MBLC / MLS / CLAMS / MVLA News

- This year the state Library Legislative Day will a series of virtual sessions, with Cape and Islands represented on April 7th at 11:30am.
- The MBLC has extended the moratorium on the Hours Open Requirement through December 20, 2022. The Materials Expenditure Requirement for State Aid will be in effect this fiscal year after being suspended for past 2 grant cycles.
- The Martha's Vineyard Library Association will be receiving a gift from Library Ideas of 120 units of their Vox Books products, to share among the libraries. These are talking books for children that do not require CDs/players.
- I have shared with Trustees the restated CLAMS membership agreement, to be approved at April CLAMS meeting
- MVLA will consider renewal of Creativebug, or switching to a similar product now available through Overdrive.
- MBLC is doing trials of several new databases and online resources, in preparation for renewing and updating the statewide database contracts, for resources available to all Massachusetts library patrons and staff.
- MVLA's In-person chess club has resumed meeting at the Oak Bluffs Library.

Adult Programs

- Programs remain virtual, except for Walking Club. Targeting June to introduce some limited in-person events, to be held upstairs. Interested in getting a tent setup for use of the courtyard during the summer. No updates on when the Katharine Cornell theater will be available for programs.
- Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Libraries are without adult programming staff, we expect to they will be sharing costs for some collaborative online programs planned by our program coordinator.

Youth Programs

- Take and Make activities continue to be offered twice monthly
- Adding in-person, outdoor programs including crafts and additional storytimes in April
- Have returned some toys to childrens room and planning to introduce outdoor toys. Staff are not responsible for cleaning between uses.
- Planning for hybrid summer reading program continues. There will be no MVLA kickoff event this year but the library will do an event in Owen Park as a kickoff for Summer Reading.