

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

New & Noteworthy

- We now have an online subscription to the Washington Post through the Martha's Vineyard Library Association, available on all computers and library WiFi in the building, and will be available remotely through a landing page.
- Registration is open for the Friends of the Library 5k. This year there will be a virtual, run or walk anytime, anywhere option, as well as an in-person event at the library on Sunday September 25th. A free half mile fun run for kids will also take place that day. As there are no sponsors for this year's event registration will not include a t-shirt but there will be a raffle drawing and medals awarded to top finishers.

Building Maintenance

- Finding some issues with the new janitorial service, with cleaning not always happening as scheduled and some areas such as bathroom floors not being cleaned. This has been reported to the DPW.
- Our elevator still does not have an inspection certificate; DPW is negotiating with a new elevator service company.
- Septic tank was pumped out, sewer fly infestation in corner restroom has abated.
- Furniture in storage at Waterworks building was returned. We have furniture to discard and/or replace.

Gifts and Grants - NA

Technology

- We have renewed our subscription to Adobe Creative Suite for the public computers, and have upgraded our Vimeo software hosting subscription in order to stream and store recorded programs, without commercials.
- Instead of reintroducing computers to the children's room, we have purchased several "Launchpad" tablets preloaded with games and other educational content for younger children.
- The Young Adult Gaming computers have arrived but have not been setup yet.

Staff / Schedule

- The Library will plan to close on Friday, August 26th for the staff to complete internal projects and training. We will be closed for the holiday on Monday September 5th. Planning to revert to Sunday schedule at some point in September, TBD. One of our regular part-time staff members has moved to substitute-only status.

MBLC / MLS / CLAMS / MVLA News

- I have submitted the Annual Report of Information Statistics and will be completing the Financial Report and application for State Aid to Public Libraries in September.
- CLAMS Membership voted to adopt the Koha ILS and Aspen Discovery provided through ByWater Solutions to replace our current Innovative software systems. This was adopted at the recommendation of a CLAMS committee following an extensive research process. The expected "go-live" date will be in February 2023. The software and support is less costly than our current system, however there will be development costs so it's unclear if this will lower our CLAMS dues.
- MLS has scheduled Trustee Orientation and Training in September.

Adult Programs

- We are continuing to schedule some in-person events, held outdoors, on the main floor, or at other libraries.
- In-person author talks have averaged 25 persons attending, and we have streamed live events with some success.
- We had a complaint from a neighbor about our use of a microphone for speaker at an outdoor afternoon event.

Youth Services

- Summer Reading program continue through August, and most outdoor programs continuing in September, with indoor storytimes on Friday mornings. I have reached out to the school administration to discuss planning for afterschool.