

Vineyard Haven Public Library
Report to the Board of Library Trustees, April/May 2022

New & Noteworthy

- With Dukes County now classified as high risk for COVID transmission, the library is again requiring masks for members of the public (as well as for staff working in public areas).
- The Vineyard History Room has reopened to the public by reservation, for 45 minute sessions.
- Library Reports are now being posted on the Town of Tisbury website, with other department reports.

Building Maintenance

- On Monday the MEPFP Engineer subcontracted to Maryann Thompson architects (MTA) did a site visit to evaluate plumbing system in order to determine if the ongoing sewer gas odor issue at the library is a design or repair issue. They will issue a report including diagram of plumbing, found to be substantially different than building plans.
- Town sewer will be extended to Owen Park, offering a possibility to tie the library building into the system.
- We anticipate receiving a proposal from MTA for design services related to some deferred maintenance projects to be funded by recent warrant articles, including HVAC and roof repair and insulation.
- The elevator has not been working perfectly and inspection is due – DPW contacted for repair.
- We will be placing no-smoking signs in the courtyard following some incidents.

Gifts and Grants - NA

Technology

- Public computers are now available on the lower level in addition to the main floor.
- SMH Technologies, the vendor who provided tech support services for the library, closed their business on May 2nd.

Staff / Schedule

- Sunday hours will continue through June 12th, and will resume after Labor Day or sooner if staffing allows.
- Full-time staff have been working some overtime due to staff shortages.
- Full-time Library Associate Polly Simpkins resigned her position in April, and will resume work as a part-time/substitute Library Aide in June. Part-time Aide Wilson Redfield has also resigned due to relocation. Rachel Silver will start on June 1st filling the full-time position, and Michelle Manfredi has been hired as an additional part-time substitute, to start later this month.

MBLC / MLS / CLAMS / MVLA News

- Edits are being made to restated CLAMS membership agreement and contract
- MVLA has renewed our joint subscription to Creativebug.

Adult Programs

- We have begun to schedule some in-person and hybrid events, held outdoors, on the main floor, or at other libraries. Katharine Cornell theater remains unavailable for programs. Basement program room remains closed to public.
- Virtual program attendance remains steady. In-person attendance has been low so far.

Youth Services

- Outdoor storytimes are held on Monday mornings in the library courtyard, and on Saturday mornings starting in June, and In-person crafts in the courtyard on Thursday afternoon. No registration required for youth programs other than the Friday morning storytime that is held indoors with limited attendance.
- Outdoor toys have been purchased with Funds given by the Friends of the Library, in honor of Nan Carter.