

## Librarian's Report

7/21/2015

### Summer Reading Program

We have been having consistent attendance of 10-12 kids each Wednesday, which is very exciting. The super hero theme is very popular and has a lot of variety which makes it fun. One of our everyday super heroes, Chief Brendan, read *Officer Buckle and Gloria* and talked with the kids about safety. We are hoping for a visit from Reba, a service dog, tomorrow as we celebrate animal heroes. Lt. Melanie Ellis will be here from the RFD in August. We have an overflowing box of donations for the Richmond Food Pantry (showing that individuals can be heroes too!) and Hugh Van Brocklin is hoping to be here on the last day of the program to pick up the food. This has been a great summer to reach out to members of our community, and it is wonderful how many people were able to help out!

### Volunteers

We have been working hard on many projects around the library, which certainly could not happen without volunteers! Elaine and Susan have been helping with programming on Wednesdays. Trish continues to keep both our databases up to date. Melody Ayotte, a teen volunteer, has been a great help with relabeling the books, getting ready for story hour, and generally helping with reorganizing. Susan and Bonnie continue archival work on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. I will be contacting our larger pool of volunteers soon for the book sale.

### Shed Door

On July 15, a patron accidentally backed her vehicle into the Library's shed door. The door and door frame were damaged and will need to be replaced. Heidi has placed a claim with the insurance company and we have the go ahead to replace the door. Jan has been busy by having Dan Simmington place a temporary covering over the broken door, researching what type of door would be appropriate for a building on the National Historic Register (yet being more functional!), and getting quotes. Thank you Jan! The hope is to have something in place by the sale (August 30<sup>th</sup>).

### Archives

Jenna and I have been in touch over the past month regarding research requests. While she is unable to attend the Board Meeting, she has been looking into rewriting the Town Archives Collection Policy and updating the Archives page on the website. We have developed a new deed of gift using the Past Perfect Software. Susan has been working on the Dorothy Robbins Collection and Bonnie has been focusing on the Joan Ann Nelson Collection. I am continuing work on the Edith Atkins Collection and have finally reached the last box of the Selectmen's Records from downstairs.

### Book Sale/Raffle

I have been organizing the books for the sale (luckily had most of it done before the shed door was damaged). I am a little concerned that I have not received anything for our raffle from local businesses, although the letters went out mid-July. I will make some follow-up calls in the beginning of August.

Renovations/Furnace

The new floor in the Children's Room has been noticed by patrons and commented on favorably. I am looking forward to working with our interior designer on August 2 and 3 to add paint and other materials to the room. I am in the process of updating our quotes for the electrical work that needs to be done in the Main Reading Room/Edith Atkins Room. Ron from Dead River has stated that they are trying to assign a date to come out and fix the intake duct work for the furnace.

Respectfully submitted,  
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