

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

New & Noteworthy

- Friends of the Library are undertaking two fundraising events: 5k Run/Walk this Sunday, and Fabric & Yarn Sale on Saturday October 15th (donations accepted beginning October 4th). Additional Volunteers welcome.
- Now open on Sundays from 1-5pm, Sunday programs coming in October.

Building Maintenance

- Still having some issues with the new janitorial service.
- The Library has purchased a steam cleaner for carpeting and upholstery.
- DPW has a new elevator service company under contract. Elevator inspection may have failed, but not shut down.
- DPW took care of minor issues including removal of dead shrubs, repair of mailbox, AC issues, and interior lighting.

Gifts and Grants

- We received the Luce Fund quarterly disbursement of \$27,463.86.

Technology

- Children's "Launchpad" tablets and Young Adult Gaming computers not been setup yet, coming soon.

Staff / Schedule

- Sunday hours resumed September 11th. Staffing for Sundays is challenging and we may need to hire a part-time aide.
- Much was accomplished on Aug. 26th when library was closed, including clearing out the basement program room. Would like to plan to close on another upcoming Friday to reconfigure the Children's Room shelving (possibly Sept 30th).
- We will be closed on Monday October 10th which is a Town holiday.

MBLC / MLS / CLAMS / MVLA News

- The Financial Report and application for State Aid to Public Libraries is due October 7th. A summary of the Annual Report of Information Statistics has been distributed to Trustees.
- Trustee orientation with MBLC will be offered on Zoom November 10 at 10am (should also be recorded). There are also in-person options off island scheduled in the evening, and some topical "Deep Dives" that will be online.
- MBLC WiFi hotspot program is ending, and the hotspots can't be repurposed with our other discount vendors.

Adult Services

- We are continuing to schedule online-only events, as well as hybrid and in-person events, with some in-person events also streamed live on our Vimeo channel. The program room will be used for smaller programs (Chair Yoga, Adult Crafts)
- 100 people have registered for Phil Weinstein's annual seminar that will be held online starting in November. A small group who don't use Zoom may attend a live viewing at the library.
- It will be helpful for hybrid programs and videoconferencing to get a new smart TV and mobile stand, estimate \$1000-\$3000. Current 40" TV was purchased in 2011 and can't connect wirelessly. Friends could pursue a grant for this.
- Patron made a complaint that having DVDs prominently displayed on main floor makes the library appear out-of-date.

Youth Services

- Program Room in the basement is now available for Storytime programs, currently scheduled on Mondays and Saturdays at 10:30am. Children's Librarian is also doing a program Tuesday mornings at the Family Center. This month we've provided take & make crafts but plan to return to in-person craft & STEM activities, schedule TBD.
- We have not heard back substantially from the school administration to discuss planning for afterschool, but plan to have the program room available for afternoon activities.