

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

New & Noteworthy

- I have requested approval from the Town Health Agent to drop certain COVID restrictions at the end of the month, to allow longer visits and more seating (other Town buildings remain closed to the public)
- The library distributed several hundred test kits provided by the Board of Health
- Massachusetts extended the emergency authorization for public bodies to hold virtual meetings through July 15

Building Maintenance

- Need to work with DPW and new vendor on cleaning schedule that won't disrupt normal evening use of the library.
- Site visit by HVAC consultants for air quality improvement project took place this week. Work included air flow testing and documentation of current system. Will be followed up by a proposal for short term and long term improvements.

Gifts and Grants

- We received the Luce Fund supplemental payment of \$36,844.46 for the end of the year.

Technology

- We will be renewing Zoom at a discount through Techsoup.
- The OverDrive app for eBooks and downloadable audio will be removed from app stores on February 23, 2022. Patrons will use the Libby App and Overdrive website.
- I have a quote from Kenmark office systems to lease a new copy machine for \$112 monthly (up from \$93.56 on expired lease)

Staff / Schedule

- The Personnel Board voted that the Town's Emergency Closing Policy applied to part-time staff, and those who were scheduled to work during recent storm closings have been paid.
- Tentatively plan to resume full days on Saturdays in March and extend season for Sunday hours.
- Vineyard Room will be reopened when staff office sharing is approved.
- The library will be closed for President's Day holiday Monday 2/21.
- In-person staff training day has been postponed.

MBLC / MLS / CLAMS / MVLA News

- CLAMS has drafted updated bylaws and membership agreement, to be approved at April meeting
- Martha's Vineyard Library Directors will meet in early March, and will discuss mask policies
- MVLA group subscription for online access to the New York Times Online has been renewed
- MBLC is working on a statewide online library eCard registration program with address verification

Adult Programs

- Programs remain virtual, except for Walking Club. Highlights include talk by popular author of historical fiction Marie Benedict for Women's History Month, Cooking series with Karen Roberts Mort of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany, Memoir writing group starting in March.

Youth Programs

- Take and Make activities will continue to be offered twice monthly
- Plan to resume in-person indoor storytime in March, outdoor drop-in crafts in April
- Will begin to phase in return of toys to childrens room as well as introduce outdoor toys
- Staff are planning for hybrid summer reading program that will utilize outdoor spaces