



## Westwood Public Library Update March 2018

### Staffing

We are working with the Friends of the Library to plan the annual “staff appreciation” luncheon. The date will be Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. This year there are several milestones to celebrate:

<u>Name:</u>	<u># Years</u>
Helen Rezendes	35
Kathy Rose	25
Terry Duane	15
Suzie Canale	5
Andrea Varkas	5
Linda Skerry	5

We will be coordinating books and bookplates with the appropriate department heads – and Jessie Turbayne has graciously stepped forward as the contact person for the Friends.

### Building Update

We have kept Jim McCarthy, the town’s Facilities Manager, very busy these past few weeks addressing some specific building and equipment issues, and I want to thank Jim and the library staff for making accommodations that allowed us to keep the library open while repairs were underway. The elevator and the ADA handicapped entry both required parts and service. Staff had to use a by-pass key and accompany every patron who needed to use the elevator – and they continually did this with a great deal of care and good humor.

We had an exterminator do a walk-through for “crazy ants” (that’s actually what they are called), and after they take care of the existing conditions, Jim has arranged for an ongoing annual preventive maintenance contract.

Cox Engineering has been on site – for scheduled preventive maintenance. And Farfara Plumbing has taken care of some plumbing fixture concerns as well.

On Thursday of last week, one of the ceiling boards was taken down as a precaution (a board had pulled away and was hanging in an area that was cause for concern). Jim is following up with Tim Bonfatti, President & CEO of Compass Project Management, Inc. ( they were the Project Management Team for the ceiling re-installation.)

The lamps for the study tables have been received, and an electrician will be out shortly to schedule installation.

### **Islington Center Development**

A second meeting with the architect is scheduled for Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> in the ICC.

**Friends of the Westwood Public Library:** The Friends of the Westwood Public Library have been selected as one of this year's recipients of the Roy London Humanitarian Award. The award ceremony will be held on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the First Parish Church Hall – 340 Clapboardtree Street. All are invited to attend!

### **Programming**

Planning for the **Summer Reading** Program is underway, and this year the theme is "Libraries Are Out of this World!" We will be hosting three programs again this year, targeted for a variety of ages, including children, teens, and adults. New "Summer Reading Champion Lives Here" signs will also be featured again this year.

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND AUTHOR EVENTS**

**New Program for Saturday** – once a month will feature "Dads and Donuts"

**Tuesday, April 30 at 7 pm**

**Author Event - Erica Boyce** Westwood Resident and the author of *The Fifteen Wonders of Daniel Green*

**Wednesday, May at 7 pm**

**Author Event: Juliette Fay and Friends Annual Meeting**

**Thursday, May 9 at 6 pm**

**Seussical The Musical** - Westwood Players is proud to present Seussical! The Musical (Theatre for Young Audiences)! One free show will be held at the Library – the remaining shows will be ticketed events and will be held at the Little Theatre in the High School.

**Book Buzz Panel - Favorite Reads from your Westwood Librarians:**

- Thursday Apr 25, 2019
- Thursday Jun 27, 2019
- Thursday Jul 25, 2019

**Keepsake Garden Stepping Stones**—Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 1.