



Westwood Public Library Director's Report February 8, 2018

Staffing:

In January, our Children's Librarian, Hannah Gavalis, left Westwood to take a position as Head of Children's Services for the Westborough Public Library. The vacant position was posted in January, with 43 applicants responding to the position posting. Lizzy McGovern and Tricia Perry conducted personal interviews with several candidates, and we are thrilled to report that we have hired a new Children's Librarian: Kristy Pasquariello. Kristy's first day will be Monday, February 26th.

Mobile Access to Sierra

Library staff can now run Sierra (our integrated library automation system) outside of the library. With this technology, we now have the ability to provide a "pop up" library at a variety of locations. The first test is planned for the Westwood Men's Club February meeting at the COA.

Programs/Events

The Children's Department recently hosted another successful Harry Potter Night! This is one of the most highly anticipated events of the year, when the Children's Room is transformed into Hogwarts – complete with sorting hat, house competitions and potions. Event was held on Thursday, February 1st with over 200 attendees. Congratulations to all of the staff who made this event possible; especially Lizzy McGovern, Suzie Canale, Karen Cagan, Jenny Durant, Molly Riportella, Caroline Tighe, Karen Gallagher, Kevin Craven, and Joe Moore.

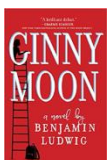
The second "Book Buzz" event was also held this past month -- with five staff members on the panel: Lizzy McGovern, Liz Keefe, Suzie Canale, Susan White and Patti Wade. Upcoming Book Buzz Panels: March 29th and May 31st.

Building Update

Peter and Stephen Ghalani (electricians) have now completed the "punch list" for all lighting issues that dated back to the ceiling replacement project. Work that was accomplished included installation of replacement bathroom fixtures for the children's bathrooms, installation of a replacement fixture in the Teen Room, ballast replacements throughout the building (including two emergency light fixtures in the stairwell); and site lighting. Special thanks to Tom Philbin, Jim McCarthy and Kevin Craven for their continuing oversight of library building maintenance operations and for working with the electrical contractor to ensure that the work was completed.

Upcoming Adult Programs

- **Poetry Reading - Lynne Viti and Heather Bryant: Main Library:** Monday, April 9 at 7:00 PM
- **Monet's Magic: Pastel Paint Monet's Wondrous Water Lilies:**
Main Library: Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 PM



Author Talk - Benjamin Ludwig & Ginny Moon
Main Library: Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 PM

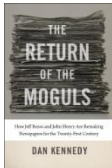
- **Mystery Making: How They Do It:** Four stellar mystery authors, Elisabeth Elo, Stephanie Gayle, Julie Hennrikus, and Hank Phillippi Ryan, will construct mystery plots using bits of information randomly elicited from members of the audience.

Main Library: Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM



Author Talk - Michele R. McPhee & *Maximum Harm: The Tsarnaev Brothers, the FBI, and the Road to the Marathon Bombing*

Main Library: Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM



Author Talk - Dan Kennedy & *The Return of the Moguls: How Jeff Bezos and John Henry Are Remaking Newspapers for the Twenty-First Century*

Main Library: Wednesday, May 9 at 7:00