



Director's Report – Tricia Perry
Westwood Public Library
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Staffing

Teen Librarian: Teen Librarian position has been re-advertised as a 24-hour benefit eligible position.

Safety/Security Review: Chief Silva provided an overview of safety protocols for library staff at our staff meeting on Thursday, October 25th. A future meeting with Fire Chief John Deckers will be set up after the town has completed safety assessments for all school and municipal buildings.

Town-Wide Steps to Fitness Challenge for Staff: Westwood staff have partnered with the Brigham & Women's Health Center in Westwood for a health challenge initiative. Library Team Name is STORYWALKERS and team includes Claire Connors as Team Captain –with team members Tricia Perry, Andrea Varkas, Joyce Levine, Caroline Tighe, Molly Riportella, and Lizzy McGovern.

Details:

- Team Captain (Claire Connors) collects each team member's steps for the week, tallies the total for the entire team, and submits them to Joan Courtney Murray . Each week runs from Monday through Sunday.
- Each team member will be provided with a free pedometer courtesy of Brigham and Women's Health Care Center – Westwood. If you prefer to use your own device, that's fine, too.
- Recognition each week, via email, for the team with the highest average steps per member
- Recognition at the end of the campaign for most total steps by a team and most improved team. Perhaps other records will be set, as well?!
- Competition will run from 10/29 – 11/30/18

Programming

Read Next! – the new Readers' Advisory service inspired by the subscription box model—pairing readers with hand-selected reading options from library staff is now in it's first month. 32 Library patrons registered initially for the new service – which rolled out last week – and there are now 10 additional registrations already in hand for the upcoming December 5th distribution date. Several staff are participating as selectors, including Lizzy McGovern, Molly Riportella, Kristy Pasquariello, Caroline Tighe, Liz Keefe and me. If you might be interested in opting in, please contact Molly Riportella at mriportella@minlib.net or Lizzy McGovern at ehmcgovern@minlib.net .



Westwood Player's "Junie B. Jones the Musical." This is a free community event that the Library is co-hosting with the Westwood Players. Due to an unexpected (yet exciting) community interest, we went to a ticketed option (tickets are free – but had to be reserved in advance.

Tickets were made available on November 1st -- and after a very hectic afternoon for the children's room staff – with phone calls and messages – the tickets sold out in 2 hours.

Show dates and times are:

- Thursday, November 15 at 6:30
- Friday, November 16 at 4:30
- Saturday, November 17 at 11:30

Run time is approximately 60 minutes. There will be a talk-back at the conclusion of each performance to give the audience the opportunity to ask questions of the cast and crew!

Westwood Reads 2019: In process... January 15th, 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the Boston Molasses Flood. Stephen Puleo's book "Dark Tide" will be paired with a teen read, "Joshua's Song" by Joan Hiatt Harlow. For younger readers, "Molasses Flood" by Blair Lent will also be highlighted.

Stephen will be at the Westwood Public Library on Friday, January 25th to talk about his book, and we are working on adding additional programming options.