



Director's Report Westwood Public Library 4 September 2018

Staffing

We have successfully filled three of the four open positions at the Library and are pleased to welcome these individuals to our staff:

Caitlyn Moore – Islington Branch Library Assistant

Jean Damier – Weekend Custodian

Matthew Kuchta – Evening Custodian

The Teen Librarian position has been re-posted and we have several interviews scheduled with promising candidates.

Collections and Resources

Wifi Hotspots – in response to continued high demand, we have now increased the number of circulating wifi hotspots from our original 5 to 15!

Kanopy – The Library now offers free streaming video through KANOPY. Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard to find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema with collections from Samuel Goldwyn, the Great Courses collections, PBS films and many more. **You can stream KANOPY on your computer, tv, or download the app on your phone, tablet or Roku device. Patrons can stream up to 12 films per month – FREE! For more information visit the Library webpage at www.westwoodlibrary.org/find/ebooks**

Building Maintenance

The Library Gallery and Community Room Spaces received a new coat of paint this summer – in preparation for another busy season of meetings and art displays.

Technology Improvements

At the request of Chief Deckers (Westwood Fire Department), the configuration of the technology allowing for dual displays of content (projector and television) in the Community Room has been updated to a new wireless system. This was done in order to eliminate cords being placed in or around the emergency exits.

A new display screen has also been mounted in the gallery entry. This will be used to provide information and highlight upcoming events and programs.

Updated self-checkout stations will be installed on September 13th. One of the most important changes will be that these updated stations will allow library patrons to pay for any outstanding bills or fines using a credit card at the self-check.

Programming

Homebound Delivery is ongoing. If anyone knows of a resident who might be interested in this service, or who would like to volunteer to deliver materials, please pass those names along to Karen Gallagher, Head of Circulation at 781-320-1049 – or kgallagher@minlib.net.

Summer Reading: This year's summer reading theme was "Libraries Rock" and there were over 1000 participants this summer, and over 200 "Summer Reading Champions" who received yard signs when they read for 50 hours. All summer reading prizes (children, teens and adults) will be awarded at the 5th Birthday celebration on September 15th.

Teen Scene Mentors: As the new school year gets underway, we are again collaborating with the Department of Youth and Family Services for the Teen Scene Mentoring Program. Orientation for the new Library teen mentors will take place on Tuesday, September 25th at 6 pm.

Friends of the Library Fall Booksale: The next Friends booksale will take place from Thursday, October 18th – Saturday, October 20th.

The Birthday Party: Saturday, September 15th. The celebration will include mini-golf in the Library, a photo booth with unlimited photo strips, Colburn School Display Dedication – and lots of balloons (mylar) and cake! Overflow parking will be available at the Westwood Council on Aging and at Deerfield Elementary School. The COA van will be making continuous loops from the COA – Library – Deerfield throughout the day. The Masonic Lodge parking lot is also available for use by library patrons.

Sarah Gardner will start off the event with a children's musical program at noon – followed by guest speakers and remarks at 1; Dedication of the Colburn School Display at 1:30 and awarding of summer reading prizes at 2 pm.

