



**Westwood Public Library
Director's Report
11 December 2017**

Programs/Events

Several staff participated in our first "Book Buzz" event on a recent Thursday evening. The program will be held quarterly and features several library staff sharing their favorite reads. The November "Book Buzz" panel included Claire Connors, Karen Gallagher, Caroline Tighe, Jenny Durant, and Karen Cagan.



Save the date for the next Book Buzz: Thursday, January 25th at 7 pm.

1st BOOK BUZZ PANEL



**Books Recommended By Your Favorite Librarians
November 30, 2017**

A Head Full of Ghosts by Paul Tremblay
A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline
And Every Morning ... by Fredrik Backman
Bay at Midnight by Diane Chamberlain
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate
Food 52: A New Way ... by Amanda Hesser
Grace by Paul Lynch
Honolulu by Alan Brennert
Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann

Never Caught by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
One Plus One by JoJo Moyes
The American Spirit... by David McCullough
The Beekeeper's Daughter by Santa Montefiore
The Bonfire by Kristen Ritter
The Child Finder by Rene Denfeld
The Kind Worth Killing by Peter Swanson
The Power by Naomi Alderman
The Red Thread by Ann Hood
Wonder by R. J. Palacio

Mobile Access to Sierra

Working with Minuteman Staff, the Library has moved forward with the purchase of a static IP hotspot which will allow library staff to run Sierra (our integrated library automation system) outside of the library. Using a dedicated laptop, this will provide staff with an opportunity to conduct "real time" transactions even when not in the library. Potential uses include remote patron registration, access to circulation activities (reviewing patron account, paying fines, renewing materials) and will add mobile functionality for collection management. The hotspot and the connected laptop will be monitored and maintained in a secure environment, and accessible only to library staff.

FY17 Action Plan (Final – as submitted to MBLC)

Per MBLC guidelines, libraries must submit an Action Plan update by **December 1** for the upcoming fiscal year. The plan incorporates the library's goals, actions related to those goals that will be worked on in the upcoming fiscal year, when they will be acted upon, and by whom.

Middle School Site Council

Several weeks ago, Matthew Kuklantz (Assistant Principal of the Thurston Middle School) asked if I would be willing to participate in the Middle School Site Council as a community rep. Given our developing and ongoing relationship with the Middle School, I felt that my participation on the council would be definitely something that would benefit the Library. The council meets once a month, so the November 30th meeting was my first meeting. As background, Matt provided this description of the council:

The law not only requires the existence of a Site Council, but defines the make-up. Principal, parents, teachers and a community rep serve on the council. Open meeting law applies to all Site Council meetings, so others can attend, but not participate. While the actual number of participants is not defined, by law we can have up to one less teacher rep than parent rep. The role of site council is advisory. The expectation is that the annual budget proposal is vetted through the council along with any handbook changes. Council typically meets at 5:30 pm on same day as scheduled school committee meetings.