

Director's Report

Westwood Public Library

8 June 2017



Programs and Collections

- Summer Reading Kick-Off for Children, Teens and Adults: Monday, June 5th
- Adult Stump Trivia – Thursday June 8th at 7 pm
- Author Talk: Brunonia Barry: Author of *The Lace Reader*, *Map of True Places* and *The Fifth Petal* Tuesday, June 13th at 7 pm
- Keepsake Garden Stepping Stones: Saturday, June 17th: 9:30 – 1 (all ages)

WiFi On the Go! Check out a Mobile Hotspot at the Westwood Public Library!

The Main Library now offers Mobile Beacon 4G mobile hotspots. Internet service is provided on Sprint's 4G LTE network allowing library patrons access to high-speed internet service anywhere a cell phone signal can be received. Up to 10 devices can be connected, with unlimited data. Please note that if Sprint coverage is not available, the devices will not work effectively. Sprint coverage map can be viewed at <http://coverage.sprint.com/IMPACT.jsp?>

Why would I want to borrow a Hotspot?

- You're thinking about taking a road trip, a vacation, or a business trip?
- You don't have unlimited data with your phone plan, but need to get on the internet?
- You do not have internet access at home, but need to use the internet when the library is closed.

How can I borrow a Hotspot?

Hotspots are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. (Patron must be at least 18 years old). These can be placed on hold using the Minuteman Catalog, similar to placing holds on traditional library items. The initial checkout period is 14 days. These are not date specific, and they can be renewed up to 2 times (based on availability if no other patrons are waiting).

Staffing and Personnel:

Custodial Staff: We have one remaining custodial vacancy that has been posted. This is for an afternoon-evening custodian (28 hours).

Performance Evaluations are ongoing – should be able to have those into Human Resources by the June 23rd deadline.

High School Summer Reading: We have received the High School Summer Reading List and will have a display set up near the YA Room before the end of school with multiple copies and formats of the required reading materials.

Community Outreach:

Children's Summer Reading:

Children's staff are scheduled to visit **all of Westwood's 69 elementary school classrooms** to talk about the library's Summer Reading program. Susie Canale, Karen Cagan, Jenny Durant, Hannah Gavalis and Lizzy McGovern split up the list of all of the classes and make presentations to every student in Grades K – 5. This year, Lizzy also visited all 6th and 7th graders as well. **This past week they visited a total of 29 of those classes!** The visits each take approximately 40 minutes, and the librarians share information about the summer reading program, with information about how to register, how to get raffle tickets, and programming highlights for the summer – and then spend 20 minutes sharing picture books with the younger students, or “book –talking” exciting titles for the older grades. It's a huge commitment on the part of the staff to get this accomplished every year – and they do a great job! It's one of the reasons that the Summer Reading Program is so successful and inclusive! Thank you to Lizzy and Hannah, Suzie, Karen and Jenny for a job very well done!

Fox Hill Village Visit to the Library: Molly Riportella recently led a program at the Westwood Public Library for approximately 12 residents of Fox Hill Village. Molly and Karen Gallagher discussed resources that were available, including e-content, databases (such as Morningstar and Ancestry.com), Museum Passes, Book Groups, Programming, Volunteer Opportunities, and then led a tour and signed up several participants for new library cards. Great team effort – and lovely presentation by Molly and Karen. In fact, it was so successful that the group leader, Linda, reached out to Tony Amico—Managing Director at Fox Hill Village -- and I scheduled a short update on the Library for all of the residents on June 7th at their monthly residents meeting. So lots of interest being generated in the Library from the folks at Fox Hill.

Norwood Library is closed for renovations – so many of their patrons are visiting the Islington Branch and the Main Library to check out books and materials and to pick up holds. There have been noticeable increases in the number of visitors, and the number of holds—but everyone has really stepped in to assist with providing great public service to all of the new patrons! Thanks everyone for making the patrons the first priority!