



Director's Report – Tricia Perry
Westwood Public Library
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Staffing - Adult Services / Reference Librarian Position

Teresa Kerrigan has officially moved onto a well-deserved retirement after 19 years working as a Reference Librarian for the Westwood Public Library. A celebratory reception and luncheon was held on Thursday, January 3rd, and we wish Teresa much happiness as she “turns the pages” on this new and exciting chapter! We are working with Joan Courtney Murray, Director of Human Resources on next steps. The job description will be modified somewhat to reflect our current staffing levels which now include a full-time Teen Librarian. We hope to have the position posted in the next week or so. In the interim, many part-time staff members have offered to cover shifts as their schedules permit.

FY20 Budget: I met with Pam Dukeman this week to review our FY20 budget vs actual to cover the difference in the salary allocation in FY20 for the teen librarian. As you may remember, the Select Board approved filling the position at 35 hours for the FY20 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, but requested that we wait until later in the year, after the position had been filled, before determining if any additional adjustment to our FY20 salary line would be needed.

Pam Dukeman asked me to review the numbers this week re: additional salary for 35 hours vs 24, and to reflect the salary costs incurred once the position was actually filled. Pam and I are in agreement about the funds needed, and she will forward a request to the Select Board to transfer funds for this specific purpose.

Islington Branch Library

Work is continuing on the Wentworth Hall Project in Islington. Weekly progress and review meetings with architect and Owner's Project Manager and town staff continue. At this time, bids for the relocation of Wentworth Hall have been received, and are under review. Foundation work is proceeding as well.

Programming

Harry Potter Night is returning – and will take place on Thursday, February 6th – begins at 6:30 pm.

Books in Bloom at the Library-- Kira Seamon and Rick Canale (Exotic Flowers) will be collaborating once again on a special event beginning on Monday, February 3rd. This year's theme is “Books in Bloom” and participants will be interpreting several favorite and perennial classics (such as *Madeline* and *Where the Wild Things Are*) as well as some newer favorites selected by library staff and Westwood readers! This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Westwood Library, and is free and open to participants of all ages. However, due to space limitations, pre-registration is required. To register, please contact Library Reference Staff at 781-320-1045.

Teen Study Nights -- There is a slight modification to the schedule this year to accommodate prior library programming commitments and parking constraints. Theresa Fisher, the High School Librarian, will be hosting the first Teen Study Night at the High School Library on Wednesday, January 15th. A second study night will be held at the Westwood Public Library on Thursday, January 16th. Both study nights will run until 10:30 pm. Special thanks to the Westwood High School PTO for their support of this collaborative event.

Year in Review – Top 100 Books – Lists of books checked out by Westwood readers and a top twenty look at trending titles including audiobooks and Hoopla selections.

New Museum Passes: Beacon Communities-- Highland Glen Apartments will be sponsoring four Museum Passes this year. These include three new passes to the Providence Children's Museum, the Easton Children's Museum, and the Patriots Hall of Fame. They will also be sponsoring the pass to the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) as well. Thank you to the Friends of the Library and Beacon Communities for their generous support of the Westwood Public Library Museum Pass Program!