



**Director's Report – Tricia Perry**  
**Westwood Public Library**  
**5 February 2020**

**Staffing - Adult Services / Reference Librarian Position**

We have received 57 applications for the position of Adult Services / Reference Librarian. Several candidates have been gone through a preliminary phone interview process. In-person interviews are now underway and candidates have been asked to present a book talk during their interview. Candidates will also be invited to “visit” during an early release Wednesday or Friday afternoon as part of the process. All library staff department heads are participating in the interviews.

**Budget:**

In consultation with the Assistant Town Administrator, Pam Dukeman, the Library's FY20 salary budget line has been amended to reflect an adjustment to cover the full time (35 hour) teen librarian position.

The FY21 budget process is underway, and a meeting with members of the Finance Committee Municipal Subcommittee and Town Administration is scheduled for 5:30 pm in the Children's Program Room at the Library on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Islington Branch Library**

Weekly progress and review meetings with architect (Mike McKay) , Owner's Project Manager and town staff continue. At this time, foundation work and work on Wentworth Hall are underway. Bid documents have been posted for the General Contractor work, with filed sub-bids due late February, and General Contractor bids due in March.

Time Capsule Planning: Library staff have reached out to several local individuals and organizations in preparation for planning for a Time Capsule that will be installed as part of the Wentworth Hall renovation/relocation project. More details to follow in February/March!

**Programming**

**Harry Potter Night** was held on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> ! Lots of staff participation including Children's Librarians (Lizzy, Kristy, Karen, and Suzie), our Teen Librarian (Felicia), as well as Caroline Tighe, Matt Kuchta, and Patrick Scannell.

**Islington Branch Knitters** Claire Connors recently received a lovely note from the Home for Little Wanderers thanking the Islington Branch Knitters for contributing hand-made blankets for Emily Bucari's gift drive. This was a Senior Independent Project for Emily – and it was a great success, due in large part to the generosity, community engagement, and knitting skills of the Islington Branch Knitters!

**Books in Bloom at the Library--** Kira Seamon and Rick Canale (Exotic Flowers) did another fabulous job collaborating with the Friends of the Library and the Westwood Cultural Council on this year's “Books in

Bloom". Stop by anytime this week for a wonderful introduction and immersion into the fabulous world of books and flowers!

**New Museum Passes have arrived!** Beacon Communities-- Highland Glen Apartments are sponsoring passes to Providence Children's Museum, the Easton Children's Museum, and the Patriots Hall of Fame, as well as the Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA) as well. Plan your February vacation travel now!