



Westwood Public Library Update
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Library Services and Programs

The library is back in full swing this Fall. Families have been returning to their pre-pandemic habits and have begun to frequent the library more and more often. Storytimes will continue their Fall session indoors starting in November with registration to still maintain conservative numbers for the indoor space. The Children's Department brought back the time honored tradition of the Halloween storytime and parade with great success, cute costumes, and smiles all around!



Adult book clubs are popular as ever with some still on zoom and some are in person. Sit and Knit and Great Decisions are offered as hybrid programs and well attended with most patrons attending in person. Claire Connors is busy not only with her many book clubs and getting the branch up and running but also with getting many authors to the library for in-person and virtual visits! In December we have Ted Reinstein coming to talk about his new book and just received word that William Kent Krueger, author of *This Tender Land* will be coming for a zoom visit!

Karen Gallagher continues her outreach to the community with homebound delivery and her bookclub at Westwood Glen. I received a beautifully typed letter that praises Karen's dedication to her homebound visits and the care and time she puts into talking with them and helping them stay connected with the library. I scanned a copy of the letter for you all to read that I have added to the Trustee materials packet.

Wentworth Hall / Islington Branch Library Update:



The circulation desk has arrived and been installed! We are excited as pieces are starting to arrive but are still awaiting the shelves.

We have been approved to add two library assistants positions to help cover the additional hours at the branch for opening Monday-Thursday. With the Trustee’s approval I would like to move forward with setting the branch hours to the following:

New Islington Branch Hours Proposed

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10-6	10-6	10-8	10-6
8 hours	8 hours	10 hours	8 hours

Staffing

We will post the two benefitted library assistant positions in the next week and are hopeful to add vibrant members to the library team that will work shifts at both the Islington Branch and the Main library.

Strategic Plan

Last week we had our kickoff meeting with the staff strategy team made up of Department Heads. We met outside at Endicott Estates and talked about strategy and what we hoped to gain from the process. It was a great way for us to connect as a team and get excited about the project.



Mary, Maureen, Cici, and myself have put together a project overview for the next few months as we embark on the strategic plan for the library. I have attached the slides that we will be going over together at the meeting that show the timeline and breakdown of the process.

Respectfully Submitted,
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