

Director's Report April 2025

- Emily was able to negotiate a lower internet and telephone contract with Comcast. Saves us about \$40 a month after taxes and fees for the next 2 years.
- Windows getting cleaned mid-April. Exterior only, to save money.
- Replaced 7 smoke detectors that had failed testing. Will need to replace 3 more later in the year as they are likely the same age.
- First floor Bathroom wall repair/update should be about \$1700. 3 estimates are similar and the contractors are recommended by Norman Mancusi, who helped us build the pavilion.
- Merrily celebrated 18 years at HPL on April 9th! Stephanie celebrated 10 years in March!
- Since Joe is leaving officially on May 22, we are working on hiring someone new for Tuesdays and Thursdays and 1 Saturday. April is stepping up to add another Saturday. Ethan also graduates high school in June so he will be leaving soon, and we will hire a new page in early summer.
- We borrowed another large print collection of 20 books from the state library we don't have in our own collection. We will keep them for 2 months at least.
- Megan's story times' attendance is increasing and people love her!
- On May 1, Kate, Al, Ronnie, and Donna are going to the NHLTA.
- Merrily and I are joining a workshop series hosted by the Project ECHO at Dartmouth Health, in partnership with US DHHS. This week's was a showcase of social services resources available to NH residents and how librarians can help connect folks to these. It is called 'Libraries as a Third Place: Navigating Community Health'.
- I've been spending a lot of time trying to track a bunch of bills in process that could have big effects on libraries, both public and school. I've been communicating the changes to IMLS to patrons and trustees encouraging people to contact their elected officials to express their opinions. The state library is trying to learn about how it will be able to operate the programs that Hampstead residents utilize, like interlibrary loan, and Libby eBooks and audiobooks. At this time, they do not have any updated information about if they will receive promised funds so it is difficult for us to prepare for the future.

Treasurer's report 4/15/2025

I completed a review of the budget. Building maintenance remains high which I previously explained the reason for that. I refer you to the heat line. It shows that 47.75% of that budget line has been spent. In this year's budget we dropped the estimated heat costs based on the averages over the past years. As you may recall, we have had several mild winters until this year including our extended cold spring. Hopefully, we will have a mild fall and early winter.

24 Wealth beginning market value \$83,558.35. Ending market value \$75,093.16 This represents a loss of 6.68%. We have 24 accounts in our portfolio. 20 of those accounts show negative results. The other 4 show minor positive results.

Beginning market value \$49,845.56 Ending market value of \$45,845.68. That represents a loss of 1.41%. We have 11 accounts in our portfolio. Four of those accounts are negative. The rest show minor gains.