

Director's Report August 2025

Good vibes:

-Every time I come in here it looks refreshed and different. It's always great to come in! Love that you're sharing the chicks for kids to see!

-You run a very nice library!

- Arranged for AMAZON business for free from MHEC buying consortium! Saves \$129 annually.
- Researching pricing for cleaning of storage tank and also removal of the tank if we go to HAWC water
- July 30th we had over 4 hours of no water since there was a miscommunication between Gary Barnes and a vendor so the water was shut off. Gary's son Robbie solved our problem. I believe this underscores our case for adding HAWC to the library. I've shared the story with our Town Administrator.
- Estimates have come in for getting 2 sump pumps replaced. One also included more water remediation on the back wall. Both suggested adding a battery back up to the sump pumps, especially in the thrift shop.
- Library Book Sale will be Aug 22-26 with the Bake Sale on 22nd and 23rd. Any trustees want to bake? Let us know.
- In July the library had 5,290 visitors come through the door!
- I attended a Merri-Hill Rock meeting of directors from these 3 counties. It's always good to share ideas. Most people are cutting back on their hoopla, like we are, but are keeping it since it meets the needs of patrons that need digital reading material for a wide variety of reasons.
- I've continued working on the budget for 2026. Been asking a lot of our vendors if they have plans to raise prices so we can be as accurate as possible when planning. Getting estimates for new vendors for services that we've received from long time service providers, just to see what pricing is available. Also, discussion for NH Downloadable books' budget has begun with the State Library.
- One of the second floor AC units completely failed yesterday. Working on estimates.
- Summer Reading ends this week so I will have full statistics on participation and reading at our next meeting. Over 300 children participated and 272 adults tracked their reading, too! I'm really proud of the great Summer Program we offered.
- HB 273 was signed into law in early August. It states that parents or legal guardians have the right to know all their minor children have currently checked out. It is a little confusing and will be complicated to prepare for.