

Director's Report December 2023

I had one woman thank me over and over for us having ServiceLink at the library. She said her Medicare sign up would have been impossible without their help. And another woman and her older mother attended the essential oil program on Saturday and she said she loves our library so much, that there is always a smiling face to greet her at the front desk, and she loves the programs.

Overhead at the desk- "I love coming to our library – it's like coming home."

- Budget is complete and presented to the Select board on Dec 11. That took up a lot of time.
- Our longest running employee Owen Sullivan is retiring at the end of December. He has been with us for 22 years as our custodian. His wit, charm, and work ethic will be missed!
- We've sold 49 of our calendars, and there's a holiday gift special of \$25 for a calendar and tote bag.
- All 4 furnaces were cleaned. I've made a note to remember to not schedule this in the winter again next year...
- I met with a representative from a library equipment company that I connected with at the NELA conference. I shared our visions from our strategic plan and the space audit, so we should be getting some ideas from him for types of equipment and display units that might help us utilize our space better.
- Our first floor carpets were cleaned plus the meeting room. A noticeable improvement!
- Reminder that the Hampstead Civic Meet & Greet is Sat January 20th. The Trustees will have a table to greet folks and answer any questions. This is planned so that anyone interested in running for positions in Hampstead town government has a chance to ask questions before the filing deadline which is Feb 2, 2024.
- We will be closed on Monday the 25th and Monday Jan 1st, but we are open Sat Dec 23rd.