

Director's Report February 2024

We are new to town. I want to tell you how wonderful I think the Hampstead library staff is. Everyone has been very helpful and kind each time I have visited the library. You recently helped me find history on our new/old property at 112 Main Street. Jen does a great job on Monday mornings with the preschool hour. Our grandson Brady loved the class and can't wait to attend again when he is visiting from Laconia. Thank you for being so welcoming! Catherine Morse

- The Hampstead History book has been sent off to the publisher for printing! Julie and Merrily worked very hard on this book, committing many hours to working with the historical society and community members to gather and document the photographic history of Hampstead for our 275th anniversary this year. I am very proud of their diligence and work on this important project.
- The last week of February, during NH school vacation we will offer Life-size Candyland for folks to play as groups. It's for all ages, and we do have several all adult groups joining in. Jenn, Julie, and April have put in a lot of planning. We are borrowing the game set up from Baker Library in Bow.
- Emily and I attended the Master Plan Steering Committee meeting on Jan 29 and presented our beta version of the community calendar that the library has started hosting via our Assabet calendar site. Community members who want to add something can come to hampsteadlibrary.org and click on About menu to see link to community calendar. Emily, for now is manually entering any requests that come in. Folks can enter via online form, calling the library, or a paper form soon to be developed.
- Deliberative session went well without any questions for our warrant article or portion of the budget.
- We've started receiving our Wonderbooks and Vox books that the Friends have funded. We're so excited and will show them to you at our next meeting.
- I'm taking some vacation days Feb 23 and 26th. Natalie has signed my vacation forms.
- Water concerns will be discussed under new business but I want to thank Joe Guthrie and Jim Lavacchia for their help trying to figure out our options.
- I'll be starting some of the staff reviews in March.