

Director's Report January 24

One of our patrons told us " I always knew you were the best Library, but I heard from a gal in my church that she drives here from Epping because you have the best kids area! They come and have play dates with their other friends in Hampstead too!" Also overheard at the desk: this scavenger hunt is a hit. I overheard a little girl telling her Mom how fun it was and that she never wants it to end!

Puzzle Contest: Thank you so much for this awesome activity! I love puzzles so much and have even met people in town to swap puzzles with. --This was a great idea. Thank you. I appreciate all the fun activity ideas that our librarians come up with. --Thanks for the fun activity. --What great ideas!

Images of America: Thank you for all you've done on this project! You ladies are rockstars 😊 ❄️❄️❄️❄️

- The Hampstead Civic Meet & Greet was 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. 44 Presenters/groups and 178 people came in the library between those hours.
- Sale on our calendars and tote bags: \$10 for calendars, \$15 for tote bags, but only \$20 for them together. Tell your friends!
- Winter Challenge Bingo for kids and for adults is very popular. We have 38 kids signed up and 45 adults. Participants complete tasks like reading a new author's book, reading under a blanket with a flashlight, or going outside, and when they complete a row of tasks they can come in for a prize. It's fun for the winter!
- We are offering ServiceLink appointments on Thursdays for people to get help signing up for Advantage Plans. Residents can call for appointments.
- Chair Yoga is increasing in popularity since we partnered with the Friends to add more classes so that it now happens every Wednesday. We had a record 26 people on the 10th!
- 275th Anniversary Banner order form is available if the Trustees would like to Sponsor a banner that will hang on light posts around town.
- I have some estimates for space planning equipment and furniture options.
- End of the year stats look very good for 2023. I'll be sharing them at the deliberative session
- End of year bookkeeping wrap up happened Friday until late. I've shared the new budget with the bookkeeper so our new reports should have all new budget lines.