

Director's Report July 2026

Good vibes

A teacher from HMS thanked the library for allowing 8th graders to visit and help out.

A patron commented in our suggestion box that they like all the places we have to sit and relax while reading and doing work.

- Our 2nd floor copier is still waiting for another part to get it to the same height as the previous model. I'm less than pleased with the solutions we've been offered.
- I did some preliminary research into the output we could get for the building if we put solar on the roof. Unless we get grants, it doesn't seem like an option that will be affordable or give us much for ROI.
- I realized our hot water heater is from 1994, so I got an estimate to replace it for \$2450 as of July. Estimates these days barely last one month so keep that in mind. It is working fine but now that I've started paying attention to it, it may start to misbehave. I won't do anything until it fails but I like having an idea of the expected costs.
- Our water supply is finally connected to the Hampstead Area Water as of July 8th!
- I've done reviews for several staff members. My review is coming up in September, and it will be my 15th year at the library!
- Summer Program is going strong with lots of participation. 143 family readers, 173 independent kid readers, 30 teens, 228 adults!
- I met with the communications committee to review the results of their survey. We chose the 3 winners for the prizes and they have been notified.
- The town is moving toward electronic delivery of pay stubs instead of the printed version which will save considerable time for the finance director.
- I'm still working on finding ANYONE who can take out our massive water tank after the sprinkler system is connected to the new water supply. Deputy Fire Chief Will came by to explain the process to me and I've got an estimate with our established sprinkler company. Waiting to be scheduled.
- Elevator passed inspection this month.