

Director's Report June 2024

We got a great review on Google from a patron. "Friendly and helpful, the library and staff are a Hampstead treasure! Great online resources too."

- Town Auditor reviewed our files and financials and met with me to discuss some recommendations. I have shared them with AI.
- We had a Dept Heads meeting and Joint Loss Management meeting where Emily and I toured the Police station. Primary topic was IT management options for fire and police depts who need major upgrades. Sally recommended each dept having a Stop the Bleed Kit onsite so we will get one.
- I met with Assistant State Librarian Mindy Atwood and other librarians to discuss the prospect of a 'Series Keeper' collaboration.
- Major movements of Magazines and newspapers, Audio CDs, Young adult collection, and Juvenile graphic novels has created space for a new section called Tween/Teen. These books have a higher reading level than younger middle school reading level, but don't have some of the older teen topics and interest level that Young Adult section does. Parents have wondered how to browse for these types of books so we responded with these updates. Already we've received very positive feedback. Newspaper and Magazines are now upstairs where the library tends to be a little quieter, and where we have more comfortable seating. Please familiarize yourselves with our new spaces so you share our updates that are continuing our strategic plans.
- Summer Reading has begun! Sign up began June 17th. Again, the Friends have been instrumental in funding so much of the really fun things that we can offer to kids, teens, and adults.
- A small team of staff and I interviewed 5 candidates for our open Library Assistant position. We had a hard time choosing since we had so many great candidates.
- Images of America Hampstead books created by Julie, Merrily, Ginny and Rob Morris are available now for presale. We expect them to be ready July 15th.
- Reminder that the Community calendar is available on our website. If any organizations in town want to add something, head to our website for the online form to fill in, or give us a call. All the events for the 275th Hampstead celebration are on that calendar.