

Director's Report Mar 2026

Good vibes: Overheard at the desk: "I wish I'd come here sooner! There's so much here!"

Select Board gave us some lovely compliments in the 2025 Town report.

A patron was checking out today, she wanted to let us know that she's been very impressed with our recent selection and variety of graphic novels (kids and adults)!

- Spent a lot of time reworking the budget to fit into default budget as voted by Hampstead. Figuring out where we need to cut services and discussing with staff.
- Started doing our annual staff reviews. Megan has now been with us for a year!
- Establishing new service with a new vendor for fire system monitoring, exterior video cameras, and duress alarms which will save the library over \$600 this year.
- I'm working on the required NH State Library report for our year of statistics that must be reported to the IMLS.
- Our elevator cables were replaced.
- We received an Energy Efficiency Incentive Grant from Eversource for \$14,501 to help fund our insulation project! We have to pay for the installation but once it is completed, we will get reimbursed.
- Sue's new Yoga for toddlers had a fun time with parents and toddlers. One parent said our program was more age-appropriate than programs she was finding online.
- Julie is planning to start a Friday lunchtime viewing of the select board meetings or any other municipal meetings that folks may want help watching. We can show them how to access the new app on some devices, or via the website. Folks can bring their own lunches and keep up with town news.
- Working with the communications committee, the town has purchased a paid subscription to Survey Monkey. The library will run the program for any town department who wants to use it for surveys. The comms committee has a survey prepared to send out but we didn't get it activated in time to share during the voting. They will be making it live shortly and sharing in print and online. Library computers will be available for folks to take the survey online.
- New MOU was approved by Select Board on Monday, March 9. Final version with them now to be signed, then our board will sign it.