

## Director's Report December 2022

Kate Thomas and Merrily Samuels completed "Using Data to Engage Underserved Communities" Course offered by the Public Library Association. Julie Watt and Jennifer MacLeod attended the CSLP Virtual Summer Symposium. The CSLP theme for the summer of 2023 is "All together now". Some of the topics covered were *The Library as a Civic Bridge and Community Learning Hub* and *Intergenerational Summer Programming*.

Building Updates – The pad for the pavilion and the walkway is complete. We are actually selling more bricks so those will be put in once spring arrives. Dennis Silva from Osgood Farms installed them and added everything else on his own. He built the pillars and the benches. The letters for the name above the portico have arrived and will be installed as soon as we can hire someone. There are more leaks in the sprinkler system. They patched the leaks but need to replace the pipes. It's a \$1300 repair so will be done in January when we have a new budget.

The Strategic Planning work group continued to refine the activities for the plan and once the Board gets their copy, the rest of the staff will get it and we will start discussing how to proceed at the January staff meeting. The consultants are putting together a spreadsheet for us to track activities we will be able to include timeline and responsibilities.

The total library budget is going to be up 9% for next year. Much of the increase is for medical insurance line. It's at \$110,000 for next year.

The Library received 50 framed art prints from Wendell Tuckers estate. We are still researching them to determine the value and how we should proceed with selling them. We are looking into auction houses to see if that is a viable option for some of them. We have the certificates of authenticity for many of them which makes them a bit more valuable. We are considering a silent auction for whatever we can't sell other places or all of them if there are no other ways to sell them.

We are going to increase the price for photocopying from \$.10 a page to \$20 a page starting in January when we open on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are not collecting quite enough to pay for all the copying that the library does.

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