

Librarian's Report

May 24, 2007

The end of April and beginning of May has continued to be a challenge at the library. We have a dehumidifier running constantly in the basement meeting room and it is still collecting moisture from the air. The room is smelling better than it has been, but still needs the rug to be replaced.

I had contacted several people to come and look at the back roof to be repaired before going on vacation, but no one returned my calls before I left. With all the rain last week, the roof began to leak once again into the work room. Neal Hurlburt did a temporary fix on it. Brigit was able to get three people to look at it, and have one do the outside repair work. The ceiling in the work room still needs to be repaired, several boards are missing, and many more look like they have rotted due to the roof leaking several times in the past few years.

A check in the amount of \$1803.60 was sent by the insurance company for the repair work. I have asked Nancy Brandt for a copy of the insurance report for the library files. I inquired about using the money to fix the inside ceiling and using any money left over towards replacing the basement rug, which Nancy told me is fine. I also inquired if the check was deposited in the library building maintenance account, or the town general account. Nancy said the check was put in the library account, and she will ask the selectmen at the special town meeting that is being held soon if that money can be carried over in the library account for next year if we do not have the money spent before the end of the fiscal year.

Does the Board think I should find someone to remove the fallen trees out back of the library and look at the rest of the trees to see if any should be taken down? One of our patrons mentioned coming and cutting up the trees, but hasn't been back since. I can check with Nancy on who did the work at the town hall. We may want to have the other trees checked to make sure there are no rotten ones that will fall down in a strong wind.

The furnace repairs have been made that the state required to approve the furnace. Nancy Brandt has called the state inspector, he will be out soon. I asked Nancy Brandt for a copy of any report the state sends about the library furnace so we have it for our records.

I purchased a Truck Dolly that was the last of this year's capital expenses to buy. Brigit and Jack both chose one that can be used upright or as a wagon to cart books and other items.

Preschool Story Hour is going well, but we have ended the Baby Lapsit for the school year due to lack of attendance. We will try and start it up again in the fall. We will hold the Preschool Story Hour for six weeks in the summer beginning in July.

Carol held her last Bedtime Story Hour for the school year on Wednesday with seven children attending. We will start the program up again in October

Maureen Cole and I are trying get everything ready for the Summer Reading Program to

hand out the day of the Walk-a-thon, which is the beginning sign-up date for the program. I have received the application for Sea Dog tickets for those participating in the Reading Program this year, also the tickets have arrived for the Trolley Museum party in August. The Trolley Museum tickets may be used by any child who signs up for the Summer Reading Program. The entertainment, Dennis Labbe, a magician from Steep Falls, has been reserved for our local Reading party. The crafts for the program have been received, and I am working on a Oriental Trading Company order for prizes.

The Book Discussion group is going strong, with a new member joining the group this month.

Brigit is organizing a Clean-up day for the library grounds and gardens. She is calling some homeschoolers and local gardeners to help pick up trash, tree branches, loose tar from the parking lot and clean up the flower beds. The Rec department told Brigit they will mow the lawn as soon as they are finished with the ball fields

We are constantly receiving book donations for the book sale. Bill Dunn is looking at the donations as he is able to get here, and then the donations are being moved downstairs to be sorted for the Mega Sale. Jack has sorted through many books already, filling up the dumpsters with discards. Please bring in your donations, the earlier, the better!

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