

Director Report June 15th, 2021

Administrative

- Reviewed results of climate survey with staff and explained next steps
- Nicole Cotton began employment with Library on May 28th
- Conducted annual review for Bob Cottrell
- Represented Library at Albany Town Meeting June 8th and conducted GOTV effort prior to vote. Library warrant article passed overwhelmingly.
- Researching how Towns that do not support a library can pay Northern New Hampshire Library Cooperative (NNHLC) for that service
- Received advice from NHMA that NNHLC can tweak its founding documents to become consistent with NH RSA 53-A (AGREEMENTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT UNITS).

Collections

- Submitting Mooseplate grant for GAR Flag
- Met with Vintage Frameworks of North Conway to obtain quote for framing GAR flag
- 263 items added in May. 83 deleted.
- Kanopy purchased by Overdrive. Ramifications of this to be determined.
- Library to begin offering the *Wall Street Journal* online by the end of the month
- More reels of *North Conway Reporter* to be digitized thanks to ARPA grant

Technology

- Paypal donation button on library website has recently netted FOCL \$2,050 in donations
- Library using digital photo frame at front desk to promote programs
- Library receiving \$2,100 grant from Henney Historical Fund for vital records database clean-up and upload to website

Buildings and Grounds

- Spoke with Paul D regarding R22 phase-out issue/HVAC replacement as well as discussion of shingles on addition
- Continuing to try find vendor to work on library steps
- 20X30 tent to be placed in park thanks to ARPA grant
- Library purchasing two metal picnic tables thanks to ARPA grant

Programs

- Staff working with schools to promote summer reading program
- Staff working Gibson center and other libraries on “garden bucket” project
- One Book One Valley planning meeting took place June 11th
- Microplastic Pollution program begins June 22nd
- “Fun to be Five” Kindergarten readiness program begins July 5th

Respectfully Submitted,

David Smolen