

February 7, 2017

Dear Trustees,

Since your meeting tonight might be rushed a bit I thought I'd give you some information in writing.

On Monday, January 30 I attended a meeting at the State House with **Senator Boncore** and the Executive Director of the Mass Library System (Greg Pronevitz), the President of the Boston Public Library (David Leonard) and a Medical Librarian from Mass Eye & Ear (Stephanie Ford). Ms. Long is a personal friend of the Senator and she set up the meeting to discuss State funding of libraries. It was a great meeting. The Senator heard us loud and clear that the State has not properly funded libraries in a long time. He offered to do what he can for us and gave us some pointers on getting the word to legislators.

Because of the theft of the DVDs we've taken some measures to combat additional theft. We had the exterior locks changed and we moved the new DVDs closer to the desk. We haven't noticed any further theft, but we're not letting our guard down. ATS Alarm Co came in and couldn't recommend any system that would work in this crazily-designed building. Cameras are very expensive to install and we'd still need staff to chase down perpetrators. No thanks. After getting the exterior locks changed we decided to get a price on changing out the interior locks so that we can use fewer keys. Artery Lock Service made the changes last week. This eliminated about a dozen keys. The Fire Department was thrilled to replace all those keys in the lock box with just two!! The locksmith utilized some existing hardware in the old middle school and didn't charge us for the labor to remove them. These particular locks are very expensive.

Before **Katrina Donovan** was hired last fall as a Library Assistant, she was volunteering in our Museum. She has a Master's Degree in Museum Studies and her help has been wonderful. While she was still volunteering she began meeting with a company called **TrekSolver**. They design mobile applications for libraries and museums that allow people to use their smartphone to play along with a mobile scavenger hunt. Initially they were charging \$2000 for the software, design and support. Katrina met with the Town Manager, the schools and other groups throughout town, and found lots of interest, but no funding. Some months later TrekSolver offered to provide everything for \$1000. We still couldn't sign on at that price. They finally came back to us a few months back and offered to do everything for free! Quite a discount. So, Katrina is working with them to learn the system, and she's inputting our information into the app. There will be combination of Museum facts and information about library services that will be highlighted. She is also working with local Boy Scouts to make the app compatible with their reading badge. This app is something we can update to keep people interested.

Local resident and avid library user **Manal Khan** has offered to teach a six-week writing class for up to six participants, for free. She's working on her PhD and needs some teaching experience and we're happy to help. The only publicity that I've done so far is to put it in our calendar and someone has already signed up!

Gerard Leary, Winthrop resident and artist, will also be teaching another drawing class when he selects dates he's available. These classes are extremely popular and he's a wonderful teacher. He also donates his time.

Because of the **Dedication** next week I've asked the Building Dept to paint the wall where the plaque will be hung. They started yesterday and will continue in the evening after we're closed this week. They have also agreed to paint some other areas that need the attention. A Transcript reporter (Sue) came by for information about Mr. O'Brien and there should be an article in the paper this week. I believe I've taken care of the details of everything we need for the dedication, but I would like some assistance in planning how to stage the event. The area where the plaque will be revealed is tricky so I'm not sure how much of the ceremony we'd like to have there.

The **Town Council** has hired a company to work on professional development with department heads. I will be participating in a focus group and mediation groups over the next few weeks.

I don't have any up-to-date financials for you because the internet connection between the library and town hall has been down for a few weeks. Mary Lou has been using computers of folks at town hall who are on vacation in order to submit bills and revenue, but I haven't had a chance to get over there. The connection is supposed to be fixed soon. Actually, I've just sent a request to the Accounting Dept to have them run a report for me. Hopefully they can provide it to me today. That department has had several people out for extended illnesses and surgeries for months and they're beat up.

I hope you find this helpful. Any questions, concerns please let me know. ☺

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wallace
Director

Circulation FY17

	Check-outs	Online Renewals	Ebooks	Total	Same month FY16	% Difference	Library Cards Issued
July 2016	5535	443	316	6294	6285	0.14%	9558
August 2016	5816	628	259	6703	6319	6.08%	57
September	5462	511	260	6233	5766	8.10%	63
October	5434	510	252	6196	6190	0.10%	65
November	5303	413	253	5969	5133	16.29%	69
December	4324	365	277	4966	5682	-12.60%	42
January 2017	4866	423	310	5599	5652	-0.94%	28
			ytd	41960	41027	2.27%	46
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Library Revenue	FY17- YTD	FY16	fy15				
Cash Collected and deposited with Town Treasurer	To Feb 7, 2017						
Overdue Fines	\$4,450.16	\$3,017.13	\$2,501.11				
Lost Books & Library Cards	\$468.50	\$676.15	\$118.00				
subtotal	\$4,918.66	\$3,693.28	\$2,619.11				
Copies & Prints @ \$.10 per page	\$1,111.40	\$2,317.63	\$80.60				
total	\$6,030.06	\$6,010.91	\$2,699.71				

Winthrop Public Library & Museum
Cultural Council Grants Received FY 17

Teen Yoga with Kathleen Duffy. \$200 – 10 classes *Need additional \$100*

Delvena Theatre Company Production of “**All the Presidents’ Women**”
\$350 scheduled for March 14, 2017 *Need additional \$100*

Violet the Clown- \$200 – probably during April vacation week *Need additional \$100*

Magician Scott Jameson- \$400- April 19 at the Senior Center. *Need additional \$62.50 (Friends Senior Center paying \$62.50 as well)*

Davis Bates, Storyteller - \$375- August 1, 2017 *Need additional \$75*

Ed the Wizard \$300- not yet scheduled *Need additional ???*

