

Solomon Wright Public Library

Director's Report

**January 27, 2025**

**Goal for the first quarter:** Emily will look inward at library policies, procedures, and planning. We need to revise and update policies and procedures and clean up our catalog database.

### **Good News/Miscellaneous**

In 2024, our patron visits were **up a total of 83%** from 2023!

The annual library report for VT Dept. of Libraries was completed and submitted at the beginning of January.

New concrete work was completed. We need to officially designate a handicapped spot at the street entrance to the Community Room.

We bought lots of kid and adult books, new computers, a tablet, and replaced a couple of LOT items at the end of 2024.

I am enrolled in the third of my four core classes for certification.

We are setting up a Pownal Community Hub, with info from local organizations, in the Community Room, run by the Friends of Pownal. We will be moving around furniture to create an aesthetically pleasing display.

### **Events that we hosted from December through January:**

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Memory Café

December 16<sup>th</sup> – PHS Christmas talk

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Memory Café

January 10<sup>th</sup> – Warm Clothing and Blanket Drive

January 24<sup>th</sup> – Homeschool Art Club

January 27<sup>th</sup> – Chinese New Year Party

### **Outreach events:**

Head Start visit

Book club at PES in March

### **Upcoming:**

- February 5<sup>th</sup> – Super Bowl party with special guest Mrs. Q
- February 12<sup>th</sup> - Memory Cafe with Council on Aging
- February 14<sup>th</sup> – opening for Jackie Sedlock
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> – presentation at town meeting
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Puzzles and Games with Faith Church

### **What I'm Working On:**

- Updating policies, esp. for lending library of things and new patron info
- Streamlining our processes
- Acquiring books for our collection (new and holes in existing)
- Work on cleaning up our catalog of items, although we got bad news about joining Catamount Consortium

### **How the Board Can Help:**

- Work with me on a strategic plan for the next few years
- Discuss and approve policy revisions – fines for overdue LOT items/museum passes?
- Fundraising event for fall

### **Planning:**

- Strengthen the partnerships that we've forged this past year with additional events/programming

- Rethink summer programming, decide how to spend \$350 VT summer grant