

Solomon Wright Public Library

Director's Report

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Goal for the second quarter:** Emily and the volunteer staff will continue to reacquaint the community with library resources and services through patron visits, social media, e-newsletter, and Front Porch Forum. We will continue to connect with community groups and use outreach to help increase the visibility of the library.

**Events that we have hosted:**

January 27<sup>th</sup> – opening for Kathy Velon

February 14<sup>th</sup> – hosted after school program from Pownal Elementary

March 9<sup>th</sup> – Puzzles and Board Games with Faith Church

April 6<sup>th</sup> – self publishing workshop with Jared Hassan

April 12<sup>th</sup> – Poetry Evening

**Outreach events:**

March 7<sup>th</sup> – attended PES book club

April 8<sup>th</sup> – Coffee Club at Sunrise, met with new parent educator

April 15<sup>th</sup> – graphic novel activity with kids at Oak Hill

**Future events:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Book swap

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunrise playgroup restarts on Saturdays, weekly

May – Youth Appreciation Month – working on an event

May 17<sup>th</sup> – Farm to School event at Oak Hill

Late June – sign up for summer reading

July – summer reading with themed weeks (detailed on separate doc)

July 12<sup>th</sup> - author Elizabeth Winthrop with Pownal Historical Society

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Who’s That, kid’s program with animals from SVT Natural History Museum

July 27<sup>th</sup> – Celebrate Pownal Day (I have been recruited to the planning group)

September 21<sup>st</sup> – reception for Historical Society 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary after Witches Walk

### **Good News!**

New Patrons / Total Monthly Patron Visits / Monthly Visits in 2023:

January: 5 / 164 / 111

February: 10 / 187 / 121

March: 11 / 222 / 152

Increased use of ILL (which we are already paying for)

Possible lunch pick up hub for kids under 18 this summer (run by Abbey Group)

**\*Policies need writing and updating, along with Library mission and strategic goals.**

### **Other News:**

Certificate of Librarianship – I am halfway through core courses.

I will be attending the VT Association of Libraries Conference on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Wishlist:**

Two back doors to outside need to be secured

Two tablets for patron use

Signage before railroad tracks – something more visible