

Solomon Wright Public Library, Director's Report

March 4, 2026

Goal for the first quarter: Onboarding new employee, implementing CLiF grant, planning for 2026, and tying up 2025.

Good News/Miscellaneous

- Linda is here, planning events, and getting kids in the library!
- Annual library report is submitted
- Summer programming grant money already here
- My VT Library Certificate should be complete in March

Events that we hosted/will host January through March:

1/14 Mindful Moments Café with Southwestern VT Council on Aging (canceled because of weather)

1/30 Head Start visit

2/20 Head Start visit (outreach because of weather)

3/11 Mindful Moments Café

3/13 Head Start visit

3/14 Puzzle Competition, Board Games w/Faith Church

3/22 March Madness Chess Challenge

There are several **April events in the works, including yoga, financial literacy, and a poetry workshop**

What I'm Working On/Updates/Upcoming:

- Programming for 2026, including town wide event Tour de Pownal where library will be a stop
- Formatting individual public facing policies to post on website
- Onboarding Linda, getting her up to speed on accounts, and collaborating on CLiF grant purchasing and programming
- Cleaning out various spots in the library

- Grants – snacks (submitted), bike rack (?)
- Planning summer programming with Linda
- Handicapped spot – ADA requirements – move forward?
- Road signage info – move forward?

Updates from Linda:

Works in Progress:

- Redesign of toys, puppets, etc. in the Children’s Area
- The Peckham Toy Library: Reorganized kits and removed 2 kits from circulation (better suited for library play). New signage on shelves. New labels and a brochure will be designed. This collection will be promoted on social media.
- Thematic Displays with books and materials: Storybook Friends; Animal Tracks; Olympics and Winter Sports; Countries Around the World.

Programs:

- Homeschool Group: Lunar New Year Celebration. Dragon dance, shadow puppet show, rice cake snacks. New families signed up for cards! 2/18/26
- Pownal Headstart: classroom visit. 2/20/26
- March Madness Chess Tournament: Planned with Trevor Plizga, chess coach scheduled for March 22nd .
- Art tables: Valentine Extravaganza; Olympics; Lunar New Year
- Sensory Table: Olympics

CLiF Grant:

- Giveaway board books have arrived and are available for families.
- \$300 worth of books have been picked up and getting ready for checkout

Collection:

I am still assessing each area and will weed/order books based on need.

Systems, Policies and Procedures:

Emily has done an amazing job helping me understand the workings of this very special library. The Volunteers have been wonderful, too!