

Solomon Wright Public Library, Director's Report

**May 18th, 2026**

**Goal for the second quarter:** planning for 2026, work on policies, grants

**Good News/Miscellaneous**

- Adult yoga has been very well-received in our community – lots of good feedback, so we will offer again
- GM Racetrack talk had attendance of almost 30 people – I am working to get more Pownal history talks in
- Vandalism seems to be under control – outside lights do work

**Events that we hosted/will host May through June:**

**May 5th** – GM Racetrack talk

**May 6th, 13th, 20th** – Yoga series with Melisa Clark

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** – Mindful Moments Café

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** – Kid's bike swap, spring bike maintenance with The Bike Hub

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – author Stephen Swinburne for CLiF program

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>** – June yoga series with Melisa Clark

**June 5<sup>th</sup>** – hosting hospice day-long retreat

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Mindful Moments Cafe

**June 26<sup>th</sup>** – Block Party with Faith Church, foraging walk sponsored by Con Comm

**What I'm Working On/Updates/Upcoming:**

- Programming for 2026, including summer reading and programming, block parties, and town wide event Tour de Pownal, where library will be a stop
- Assisting Linda with completion of CLiF grant, including getting Yoto players up and running and putting together incentives for summer reading
- Community garden - needs a new site, soil
- Grants – in search of to support programming (fundraising can also help)

- Revising/organizing fundraising info for board
- Streamlining processes for book ordering, programming

### **Report from Linda**

#### **Working on:**

Thematic Displays with books and materials: New Picture books funded by CLiF grant and Vermont Humanities; Financial Literacy; Poetry; Mother's Day; Flowers and Rain; CLiF Early Literacy Backpacks (Pets; Emotions).

#### **Programs:**

- Yoga Stories planned with Melisa Clark for 3-6 year-olds and parents/caregivers: 6/3; 6/10; 6/17.
- Sunrise Family Resource Center: Summer Playgroups planned with Parent Educator, Kristina Mattison for July; Video highlighting the SWPL planned with KC Tiffany, Social Capital Coordinator.
- Summer Program, "Unearth a Story" materials ordered. Program planning underway for July.

**Art tables:** Rain/Umbrellas, Flowers, Mother's Day Cards; Sensory Table:

Planting.

#### **CLiF Grant:**

\*More board books were requested to give to children and families.

\*2 thematic backpacks (Pets; Emotions). Each backpack contains 5-6 books, early literacy manipulatives and ideas for caregivers. Information shared with families, homeschoolers, Head Start, Oak Hill Children's Center and Pownal Elementary Kindergarten teachers, Sunrise Family Resource Center.

\*YOTO: Players and cards ordered and received. Yoto is a screen free way for kids to play stories, music, activities, sound effects, radio and podcasts. 1 player for a listening center @ SWPL; 2 players (large and small) to circulate; multiple story cards; carrying cases.

\*CLiF Program with Stephen Swinburne, acclaimed author of dozens of children's books. Pownal Elementary Kindergarten classes will attend, Head Start, Oakhill Children's Center, homeschoolers and families invited. Children can choose 2 free books. 5/22/26.

\*Remainder of grant money will be used to buy supplies/snacks/rewards

### **Fundraising updates and thoughts:**

Last year's letter has been updated by Emily for 2026. Will share in Google Docs.

When asking for event sponsorship, it would be wise to have a simple contract between the library and business/individual which details the terms. For example, the library will include the business logo on promotional materials. Also, consider boundaries for the business in terms of what they cannot expect or dictate about the event.

A few specific opportunities for sponsorship:

- **Adult yoga** – we are paying the teacher \$62.50/class. We have spent \$250 in May and will spend \$188 for 3 more classes in June. Ideally, we would like to offer yoga classes again in September/October/November. Each time, we've gotten 10 adults (the majority of which are Pownal residents) and there is very good buzz from important people in the community about offering this.

**Total needed for 3 months in fall: \$750**

- **Kid's chess program** – we hosted a tournament which brought in about 50 kids and adults – cost was \$350 for Trevor's time, plus snacks and prizes (probably closer to \$500). We also offered after school chess for 4 sessions, which was \$240 for intern's time. Popular with the 10-12 kids who came and there was a call about if we were offering classes again.

**Afterschool Classes for School-Age Children: Three 4-week sessions: \$1,200**

**3-day Chess Camp for Summer/School Vacation: \$500**

**Scholastic Youth Tournament for All Ages: \$500**

- **Kid's yoga and movement** – this would be a pilot program for SWPL. A similar program was offered at BFL and was apparently well received. Open to parents and caregivers and will include a story time and snack. Yoga mats have already been ordered for \$100.

**Two 4-week sessions - \$700.00**