

Salisbury Free Public Library Board Meeting Librarian's Report May 2023

Programming:

Happened Recently:

- **Free Trees!** From the Neighborhood Forest program-33
- **Pollinator Presentation-11**
- **Book Club: This Is Happiness- 8**
- **Meg Madden Mushroom Presentation** (co-sponsored by the Salisbury Conservation Commission)-22

Going on Now or Happening Soon:

- **StoryWalk** (co-sponsored by the Salisbury Conservation Commission) went up 2/20/23 (Poems: Outside my Window)
- **Stories and Playtime at the Library! Every Tuesday, 10:30-11:30am (canceled 5/23 & 5/30)**
A few stories and songs, then lots of time to play and get to know each other. For kids 0-5.
- **Wild Edibles/Foraging Walk with Wildcrafter Heather Hardt, Friday, May 26th, 5pm***Pre-Registration Required*****
- **Seed Library** open and many new donations
- **Little Free Library up and running!! Huge thanks Ken!**
- **CLiF Rural Libraries Spring Event at Salisbury Elementary School, Wednesday, June 7th**
- **Art and Chocolate! Saturday, June 10th, 10am-1pm**
- **Book Sale, all of June**

Developing/Ideas:

- George Bellrose
- Craft time?
- Summer?? Ack! Ideas: Tom Verner, HOPE, Meg Madden family mushroom walk, Music/contra dance, 802 Reptiles, game night/open house/kickoff, wild edibles potluck?
- Open House?
- Fall: Afterschool Cozy Classics Read Aloud, Eugenie Doyle, All School Visit?, Oxford Rug Hooking
- Fall 2024: Soup and Suspense (Alison working on)

Schedule/Volunteers:

Travis covering 5/23 (VTLib Solar Eclipse Training), have asked him to cover 5/30 (visiting my grandma) as well, don't know yet

Jan volunteering every Tuesday 4-6pm!

See linked [Volunteer Sign Up Form!](#) for volunteer needs.

Professional Development:

- VT Lip 2024 Solar Eclipse Training 5/23

Collection/Resource Development:

These are all ongoing...long term projects...it is hard to get time for them...

- Continuing going through each children's section, weeding, entering, relabeling, reprocessing,

inventorying and purchasing new books for each section. Continue work on Easy Readers (to be renamed??).

- Palace (online ebook and audio books) is set up, but I have not begun promoting.
- CLiF Rural Libraries grant books being processed and added to the collection. Alison has done a TON!!!! Getting close!
- Working on printed spine labels as an upgrade to our handwritten spine labels.

Technology/Computers:

- We could use a library laptop to use at events and for zoom (I have been using my own).

Building/Grounds:

- Picnic table needs refurbishing!!! Anyone able to help? Or should we try to dispose of it instead if no one can fix it? In very bad shape.
- Little Free Library all set up!
- Mowing situation? Getting messy outback,
- What is the current situation with the Paul Bruhn Grant? Town timeline for septic and water work?
- Library needs: air conditioner (!!!) & laptop. I think we really need to try to get an air conditioner for this summer. It is very uncomfortable without these days and discourages/prohibits programming, visits, work, etc.
- I have been thinking it would be great to have a building subcommittee that helped me with ideas/problem solving/execution of building needs. Anyone interested? Meet 1x a month during my scheduled hours.

Other/Administrative/PR/Grants:

- Received Vermont Dept. Of Libraries Summer Programming grant (\$300) (paperwork complete)
- Received Winne Bell Grant for children's books and programming (\$500)
- Annual Report submitted
- Applied to CLiF Summer Readers Grant
- Looking at other grants.
- Salisbury really needs someone to do the community notices submissions for the Addy Indy. This is REALLY great free advertising for the library (and the rest of the community). Perhaps someone on the board could take this on? This entails serving as a point person, gathering community information and submitting when there is info (1x a month or less). A couple of paragraphs generally.
- Next month the book sale will be set up downstairs in the library. We can meet around it? Or an alternate site?
- Maybe it would be fun to have one of our meetings somewhere fun (someone's house?) this summer to celebrate all we have done and are doing?