Librarian's report March 2022

This month saw the library decorated for St. Patrick's Day with a display of new children's books for the holiday. Jordan was a great help with the decorations and Joanie filled in for several of the shifts while I was gone including one of Mary's shifts that she couldn't work because of her trip to Juneau to see her new grand baby. Thanks Joanie for all your help! We also had Wendy, Brooke, Pete, Jordan and Laura taking shifts. I am so appreciative of all of our volunteers.

Joanie and Mary have been working on finishing the labeling project of the Juvenile and YA books. The YA books are finished, and we have less than half of the Juvenile books to finish.

I was happy to visit the library in Walpole, NH while I was in New England. They just finished a $500,000 remodel/renovation project and they have some of the coolest things I have ever seen including moveable stacks! The actual stacks are on tracks that electronically move. They have built in sensors so no one or anything would be stuck and definitely are a way to increase your space for your collection. Amazing. They have a beautiful reading room that is also used for an ongoing knitting program where patrons can learn new patterns and techniques supported by books of course! I could have spent hours there just browsing the shelves!

April will being some more new books for Spring, Easter, and Passover along with a few spring decorations. I will also be changing the display's both in the adult and children's sections.

We have more new books and movies that have arrived, and I will be putting quite a few out. With the Book Hook grant and the ARPA funds, I have worked out an ordering schedule that will give our patrons lots of new materials well in to FY23. I am particularly excited to see additions to our Early Reader, YA, and Alaskana sections.

We submitted our grant application for F23 along with the required collection development and challenged materials documents.

The drawers were all set up for the new seed exchange and I am happy to see some seeds there!

I am going to contact Linda Buckley to see if she would like to do a program in Tenakee to showcase her new book. Also if anyone has any ideas how the library could tie in to the Artist in Residence in April, I would love to have the library sponsor a program.

My goal for April is to work on adding some things to the website. Also we need to figure out what to do with discarded books so that we can start with some much overdue weeding.

We have had some cool donations to the library recently including some Alaskana books and a book of Rie's memories that Juan sent us.

Thanks for all of your support and help!

Lisa