

Programs

Recent Programs

- Feb 16 - Where is Northfield? Northfield border history with Sara Campbell
- Feb 23 - Trivia at the Brewery
- Feb 26 - Terrarium workshop
- Book in a Bag for February Break

Upcoming Programs

- March 11 - King Philip's War in Your Backyard: From Sokwakik to Peskeompskut, 1675-1676," presented by David Brule
- March 14 - Pie Day
- March 23 - Trivia at the Brewery

Ongoing Programs

- Knitting, Spice Club, book clubs, and tech hours all continue for adults
- StoryWalks, Take & Makes, and Kids' Fridays continue for kids
- Story Time is every Wednesday morning
- The Friends' puzzle swap is the first Saturdays

Staffing

The town is doing a classification and wage scale project.

Other

- **Trustee Board positions.** Jon and Lloyd are up for reelection. Misha will get in touch with Dan Campbell for Jon; Lloyd will get in touch with Dan.
- **Annual Report.** The draft was reviewed by Trustees and Misha will submit it to the Town of Northfield. Before submission, the draft will have two adjustments: add in information about our seasonal tent area for patrons and correct the spelling of Gretchen's name. See attached.

Moved/Seconded/Unanimously Approved

- **Technology Grant Update.** At this point, we have two new staff computers and one new computer for public use. The WIFI will be updated next! This will remove any dead spots and will still serve people using the tent outside.
- **New copier.** Thank you, DML Friends for this important update.
- **Northfield 350th Parade.** Plans are in the works! Deb Potee and Alex Strysky are heading up this project.

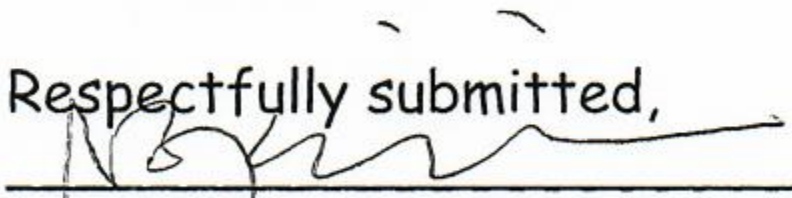
NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular board meeting will be Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Trustees' Room. This will be confirmed via the official posting.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:54 p.m.

Approved by the Trustees:

Respectfully submitted,


Nolan Kitfield, Secretary and Trustee

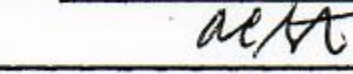
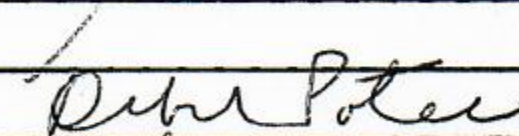
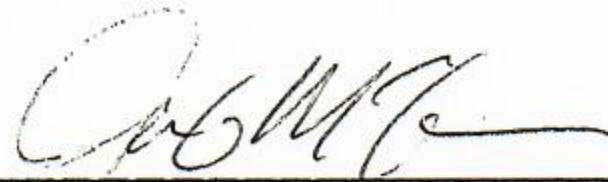
Jon McGowan

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Dickinson Memorial Library - 2022 Annual Report

At the Dickinson Memorial Library, 2022 was a busy and fulfilling year. One of our greatest accomplishments this past year has been getting our circulation and attendance records back up to pre-pandemic levels. Dickinson Memorial Library's physical collection includes 13,480 books, 3,094 DVDs, 1,102 audiobooks, 45 magazine titles, and 119 "things," including museum passes and children's learning kits. In 2022 we circulated 38,159 items at our circulation desk, received 7,149 items from other libraries, and lent 3,864 items to other libraries. Our top circulating item was our T-Mobile hotspots. The library owns seven hotspots and they are always checked out, letting us know we are fulfilling a need in the community for reliable internet access. The use of online resources also continues to grow. In 2022, Northfield patrons checked out 6,446 ebooks and audiobooks from Libby, 693 movies from Kanopy, and 2,005 books and movies from Hoopla.

Aside from providing access to physical and digital materials, one of our greatest joys is being a place of gathering for the community. We hosted 234 programs for all ages, adding up to 4,481 people in attendance, almost double our program attendance in 2022. 15,723 people walked through the doors of our library, and while we don't have numbers on it, we can tell you that more and more people are "hanging out." They are meeting friends, using our cozy spaces for work and reading, playing games upstairs in the children's room, and asking for our help with technology and more. Seeing this type of use of the library rise over 2022 has brought warmth to our building. Dickinson Memorial Library is truly a community center for Northfield.

We have also been able to complete a wide variety of projects to better our services and collections. Thanks to the initiative of our Circulation Assistant, Julie Rosier, Dickinson Memorial Library now has a Digital Local History Collection. This resource currently holds 1,099 fully searchable objects from the Library's local history collection and will continue to grow. It has already proved to be an invaluable resource for the library and its patrons. Our director, with the help of volunteers, created a Seed Library. Community members can donate or "checkout" seeds to help them start or add to their gardens. Our patrons love chatting about their gardens and experimenting with new varieties.

We have exciting things coming up in 2023. In addition to our involvement with Northfield's 350th, we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the opening of Dickinson Memorial Library. The building opened its doors to the public on June 9, 1898. We will be celebrating with a birthday party and many other events and activities. 2023 will be a year of learning about our community's past and looking forward to the future.

Library Staff: Misha Storm, Matt Atwood, Jane Lyle-Jaworski, Julie Rosier, and Tim Rogers and substitutes Freida Guillette and Ivan Ussach.

Respectfully submitted,

The Board of Library Trustees: Jon McGowan, Nolan Kitfield, Gretchen Lecata, Lloyd Parrill, Deb Potee, and Alex Strysky and Library Director, Misha Storm

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