

## April 2024 Library Report for the Friends

### Board of Library Trustees Report

At its February 12 meeting with BOS, the Board of Library Trustees voted to appoint Jackie Wheelock and Sarah Burke to the open Trustee seats.

At its February 20 meeting, the Board welcomed newly appointed Trustee Jackie Wheelock. Main topic of discussion was the Library construction program and whether to submit a Town Meeting warrant article. The Board decided to hold off on voting until language was finalized with Town Counsel. At the meeting, \$2,825 in funding for museum pass renewals was approved.

At its March 12 meeting, the Board voted to submit a Town Meeting warrant article asking for the authority to “apply for, accept, and expend” MPLCP grant funds and to appropriate up to \$150,000 for planning and design work. At the meeting, \$579 in funding for museum pass renewals was approved.

### Director’s Report

*Minute Madness:* The Minute Madness reading challenge ran from March 1-April 4. Of over 20 participating libraries, we made it to the third round and ultimately lost to the Georgetown Peabody Library. A total of 87 readers logged 116,509 minutes throughout the competition! Last year, Uxbridge also made it to Round 3, but we broke last year’s reading record by a landslide. Winners of the grand prize drawing will be pulled on April 5.

*Summer Reading:* This year’s Summer Reading theme is “Read, Renew, Repeat” and focuses on conservation and protecting biological diversity. We are planning our Summer Reading Kickoff event for late June after the end of the school year. Sonya will have more information about what is planned so far!

*New Website and New Library Catalog:* March saw two big changes in the Library’s online presence, first in the form of a [new library catalog](#) and then by [our new website](#)! Both platforms highlight the electronic resources and other services that the Library has to offer that you may not know about. The new Friends of the Library page can be accessed [here](#).

*Spring Town Meeting:* **The Board of Library Trustees and the Board of Selectmen are co-sponsoring an article** for the Library’s construction grant application on the Spring Town Meeting warrant. Article 16, Planning and Design Appropriation for State Library Construction Program (MPLCP), will require a simple majority at Town Meeting. The article gives the Town the authority to apply for the MPLCP and appropriates up to \$150,000 in matching funds for planning and design work.

LINKS: [PDF Slides](#) | [FAQ’s](#)

We will need your support at the Town Meeting on May 14 at 7pm, and we will need to spread the word! We should consider emailing Friends membership about the vote and advertising Town Meeting at the Book Sale.

**Financing Requests**

<b><u>Request</u></b>	<b><u>Recipient/Vendor</u></b>	<b><u>Total Cost</u></b>
Ecotarium Museum Pass Renewal	Ecotarium	\$250.00
Eric Carle Museum Pass Renewal	The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art	\$150.00
Cardmaking supplies	Susan Bedard	\$175.00
Summer Reading Supplies	Illinois Library Association	\$306.50
		<b>Total: \$881.50</b>