

**Director's Report to the Library Commission**  
**April 17, 2023**

**Budget News:**

- Library Giving Day brought in \$1,155.00 in donations! Thank you very much to all who donated or help support the library by spreading the word/sharing social media posts etc.
- Eagerly awaiting a response from the Mayor regarding the photocopier situation for FY24.

**Library News:**

- The Fiber optic project at Gales Ferry is almost complete. We are just waiting on the final connection at this point. All equipment and wiring has been installed.
- Youth program highlights – spring break week included the Dig In! Spring Spectacular and Planting Workshop with Allyson Angelini along with a Spring Storytime with Peter Rabbit. The planting workshop was funded by the Eastern CT Community Garden Association.
- Adult program highlights – Cookbook Club this month highlighted Ukrainian cooking and culture which was well received. The Watersheds and Waterways program in collaboration with the Eastern CT Conservation District was very well attended with 18 participants.

**Building News:**

- The replacement part for the heating system arrived and Public Works restored the heat at the Bill Library.

**Town News:**

- Public hearing for the town wide budget is Monday, April 17.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Library Director