

Director's Report to the Library Commission February 26, 2024 (Meeting canceled)

Budget News:

- The Mayor's budget is due early March followed by the budget presentation to Town Council later in March.

Library News:

- We are back to being fully staffed! The Library Technician II – Youth Services position has been filled. Jadzia Childs started February 12, 2024 and is off to a great start.
- I have exciting news to share regarding a recent grant application and a recent donation received.
- Our “Love Your Library” campaign is going well. Although we haven't brought in many monetary donations, we are definitely feeling the love from our community by all the wonderful hearts we received over the last several weeks!
- Four library staff members attended CPR and AED training and were certified this month.

Building News:

- Our HDMI cable broke which impacts usage of the AV equipment and projector at Bill Library. Matt, Assistant Librarian II, came up with a better solution and Public Works ran a Cat 6 cable in place of the long HDMI cable. The Cat 6 cable allows for a stronger connection over a longer distance. HDMI cables are now short and attached at each end. We are just waiting on a final piece to arrive and we should be back up and running. This equipment is aging and I am going to keep an eye out for a way to upgrade the entire system.

Reminder – ACLB upcoming webinar on What is DEI and what does it mean for libraries?
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Register through the ACLB website - <https://aclb.wildapricot.org/>

Director's Report to the Library Commission March 18, 2024

Budget News:

- I attended the Library budget work session on Thursday, March 14, 2024. Thank you to those who were there virtually for support.

Library News:

- The Ledyard Public Library is one of 50 recipients in Round 2 of the Libraries Transforming Communities grant in the amount of \$20,000. This grant was written to replace the Bill Library circulation desk with a brand new ADA accessible desk.
- I was recently notified by the Community Foundation of Eastern CT that the Ledyard Public Library is part of a large bequest left by Joan D. Hauptfeld. We received a check for \$2,366.56 that is a designated grant to provide programmatic support (it is not for administrative purposes). If all continues to go well, we should be receiving this grant each year moving forward.

Building News:

- I am working with the Public Works team to replace the columns/pillars at the entrance of Gales Ferry Library.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Smith
Library Director