

Library Director's report

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Monthly statistics: statistical summaries for the month of August 2019 will be available at our meeting.

Financial/Donations:

- As the Board is already aware, we have been approved for the State Aid for Library Construction Grant which we applied for last year (amount = \$90,399). I have the official letter from Carrie Woerner, which I can share at our meeting.
- I also have a nice note that arrived with a small donation from a happy patron which I can share at our meeting.

News/Issues:

- I have purchased our sandwich board-style sign and it is currently on the sidewalk in front of the library. I have asked Wendy Hunter of the Friends about possibly reimbursing the Library for that expense.
- The Proudfit Hall carpet has been cleaned by Sean Ashton of Cambridge Carpet Care. The stains have been mostly removed, and he even returned a second time to make certain he did the best job possible. I propose that our Board should approach the Bancroft Trust about making the carpet cleaning in Proudfit Hall a routine, every six months. I believe we should also consider getting the Library carpets cleaned, maybe in the spring.

Programs:

- Summer programs are now over. The programs had varying attendance: some programs had large groups in attendance, while others had none at all.
- We are currently working on ideas for the fall: ongoing programs will continue, we have a couple of new craft night programs lined up, new ideas for Teen Takeover nights, and a presentation by Bonnie Hoag of the film "Under Our Skin" with discussion and information about tick-borne illnesses.