



**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Phil Goldsmith

Phil Goldsmith reported the Township Commissioners meeting went very well to approve bond. Many Haverford Township residents spoke in support of the library renovation and expansion. The commissioners passed the bond issue unanimously.

Phil announced Margaret Fox-Tully will be running for her Association-appointed position on the Board at the May Annual Association meeting.

Township Commissioner, Sheryl Forste-Grupp, asked how staff morale will be supported during the time period in temporary locations during the renovation and expansion. The Library will be seeking assistance from the non-profit MEA to help prosper and grow.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Sukrit Goswami

Library News

- The Annual Association Meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, May 17 at 7pm in the Library Community Room. No registration is needed for the Annual Association Meeting.
- The May Regular Library Board Meeting is rescheduled to be held on Monday, May 22 at 7pm via zoom. Pre-registration is required for the regular monthly zoom meeting.
- Next Week is National Library Week. The library is celebrating this week with a Fine Amnesty event from Sunday, April 23-Saturday, April 29 in which patrons can have their overdue fines waived for all their Haverford items that are returned and undamaged. We will also highlight Library stories to highlight the theme “*There’s More to the Story*” by encouraging patrons to use post-It notes on our display with their favorite library experience.
- The library’s weeding project is going smoothly. Everyone in the library is participating in a coordinated effort with all departments working as a team. We have reached out to various groups from Teacher’s Teammates to Reading Recycled among others; so many of these items are reused by other organizations.
- Our stats have been impressive this month with 152 new patrons receiving library cards and 25,652 Haverford items circulating including items checked out at our Library, inter-library loans, digital items and renewals.
- The Campaign Coordinator position has been posted for our Library with a deadline for application to be received as May 15, 2023.
- Youth Services Department Highlights
  - A Teen Art Club member from our Library won 3rd place with their Longwood Garden Art Contest entry for the theme, *Food is a Connector of People*. Their art will be displayed in the Rose Tree Park Storywalk trail that is sponsored by DCL. See all winners at this link: <https://www.delcolibraries.org/Teen-Art-Contest>
  - The Teen Reading Lounge Kick-Off event will be held on April 26, with the Book Club to be held on May 1 in conjunction with the PA Humanities grant, which is “*built on the belief that encouraging youth to choose creative programs based on their own interests is crucial to adolescent development*”.
  - Youth Services staff have decorated the Darby Road corner window with the Summer Reading theme, “All Together Now” and it looks very festive with tie-dye, books and yellow submarines.

- The Story times in the Park will begin again on Monday, May 1 at 10:30am. The park location each week can be found on our website. The Monday and Thursday story times will continue in the park through September.
- To celebrate May’s Mental Health Awareness Month, Teen Yoga will return with events on the first four Mondays in May.
- **Adult Program and Reference Department Highlights**
  - Challenging Stigma event will be held in conjunction with HADA (Haverford Alliance for Drug Awareness) and Convo.Zone/Haverford (Be a Part of the Conversation) with special guest, Michael Blanche, licensed clinical social worker and co-founder of Ethos Treatment. We welcome all Board Members to attend this special event in support of helping friends and family understand addiction on Tuesday, May 9, at 6:30pm. Location will be decided depending on space needed in either the Library Community Room or the Middle School auditorium.
  - To celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month we will host an event from May 1-31, with a Self-Care Book Bingo event. The winner will receive a basket of self-care items including a yoga membership and mat. To participate, pick up your bingo card from any of our service desks starting May 1st.
  - The Haverford College Arboretum event had 24 participants in attendance and will be posted to our YouTube channel. It was hosted by the Library in partnership with the Haverford Historical Society and presented by Jennie Kelly, program coordinator for the Arboretum.
  - Our programs in general are picking up steam with Cookbook Club hosting 20 participants, Essential Oil Making hosting 10 participants and Great Courses via zoom hosting over 22 participants weekly.
  - Quadrangle Book Share Outreach event was held on April 6 at the Quadrangle library in which 20 participants enjoyed lively conversation about what they are reading.
  - Next Outreach event will be held on Sunday, June 4th at Heritage Festival Day on Karakung Drive
- Our building will have the seasonal startup of the AC system later this week. Now that we are having limited cold snaps it is time to have the availability of air conditioning for the staff and patrons.
- The DCLS Policy Committee have shared their updates to the Automation Policy which will be voted on at the May 18 Directors’ Meeting and is attached for your knowledge.
- Friends Fundraiser pre-order deadline is this Monday, April 24 at 1pm. To participate in this take home taco night see Moe’s order form uploaded in Dropbox.

Library Statistics

	<b>Mar 2022</b>	<b>Mar 2023</b>
Annual Appeal (Campaign to date and YTD)	\$38,154 (11/18/21-4/17/22) \$5,104 (1/1/22-4/17/22)	\$33,283 (11/18/22-4/17/23) \$7,658 (1/1/23-4/17/23)
Patron Visits to the Library	8,736	11,040
Number of Patrons Checking Out HA Materials (includes HTFL patrons checked out through DCL)	4,065	4,119

Number of Physical HA Items Checked Out	16,139	14,758
Number of Digital Items Checked Out (RB Digital Magazines and Overdrive/Libby ebooks)	5,845	6,962
Youth Programs Hosted	In-person: 3 Virtual: 9 Passive: 18	In-person: 34 Virtual: 0 Passive: 5
Teen Programs Hosted	In-person: 0 Virtual: 3 Passive: 15	In-person: 9 Virtual: 1 Passive: 23
Adult Programs Hosted	In-person: 2 Virtual: 22 Passive: 1	In-person: 14 Virtual: 7 Passive: 0
Total Programs	In-Person: 5 Virtual: 29 Passive: 28	In-person: 57 Virtual: 8 Passive: 28
Items Added to Collection	Adult Ordered: 419 Adult Processed: 351 YSD Ordered: 235 YSD Processed: 239	Adult Ordered: 202 Adult Processed: 356 YSD Ordered: 0 YSD Processed: 32
Reference Inquiries (includes inquiries in-person, by phone and on the website chat)	In-Person: 220 Virtual: 6	In-Person: 267 Virtual: 6
Book Drop Pickup	YMCA: Items 250; Patrons 86 CREC: Items 179; Patrons 74	YMCA: Items 372; Patrons 162 CREC: Items 197; Patrons 110
New Library Cards Issued	129	152

**FRIENDS LIAISON REPORT:** Deb Morley reported the Friends have mailed their new and renewal membership appeal. She reported the Friends have also completed an internal Annual Report. The current fundraiser being held by the Friends is Moe’s Taco Dinner take-home kits which will be held on April 25.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Fundraising Committee has completed interviews with prospective consultants for guidance on the capital campaign and proposes accepting Schultz & Williams as the Capital Campaign Consultant. The committee discussed the need for a part-time on-staff coordinator to take us smoothly from feasibility into the campaign.

Resolution: The Fundraising Committee proposes that the Library Board approve to formalize the April 13, 2023, Schultz & Williams proposal

**Motion:** To formalize the Schultz & Williams contract. Proposed by Deirdre Cryor, 2nd by Scott Lowe. Unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** NONE

**Executive Session began at 7:44 pm.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.**