

Director's Report

February 10, 2026

Facilities:

- Sometime during the early day of Monday, 1/26/26, both furnaces failed. It was a “snow day”, so no one was in the building. Mr. Bomal called to let me know. I asked Mr. Hayes to open the building for him. Not knowing how long the heat had been off, the Fire Department came to drain the sprinkler system to protect the building in case any pipes were frozen and to ensure they wouldn't leak or discharge once the building was warm again. Vendors were called to repair one furnace after the first one was successfully reset by Mr. Bomal. Requested by Mr. Fiumara, on Wednesday, 1/28/26, our vendor came to check on the system and refill the sprinkler pipes.
- The after-hours building alarm system has been showing “faults” lately making it difficult to arm and requiring phone calls from the alarm monitoring company to Ms. Briley at all hours of the night. Ms. Briley has contacted the alarm company to check on the problematic areas.

Services:

- Mr. Bryan Doherty, our new library page, started in late January. He replaces Mr. Ashton Blaikie, who was accepted into the Disney College Program!
- The Children's Department is sponsoring a few new-ish events this winter.
 - Dewing School Night was on February 3, with students, parents, teachers and Benny the Reading Dog in attendance!
 - The Massachusetts Children's Book Award is an annual reader selected award. This year, we are encouraging children to participate by reading at least five books and voting on them. Once at least five books are read, each child can enter a giveaway for a book of their choice!
 - The Children's Department is collecting brand new pajamas in all sizes, including adult sizes, in the cardboard box outside the children's room. All pajama donations should be appropriate for all seasons and void of any family or holiday references. The most needed sizes for this season are 12-18 months, 18-24 months, and 18/20 (both boys and girls sizes). This effort is sponsored by Cradles to Crayons, the Boston Bruins, the MBLC and Wonderfund.
- The third annual Tiny Art Show starts on February 9th. We encourage people of all ages and abilities to pick up a canvas, paint it and return it for community vote. Details are on the library website here:
<https://www.tewksburypl.org/home/pages/tpl-tiny-art-show-2026>

- We will be hosting awareness trainings and educational programs for the community and staff members with PFLAG/Boston this year thanks to a grant from Winchester Hospital, a member of Beth Israel Lahey Health. Programs will be for youth, teens and adults.

Respectfully submitted: Diane Giarrusso and Nicole Goolishian

Attachments:

Policies for approval: Exhibit Policy; Exterior Sign Board, and Food & Drink Policy.

Policies to review: Behavior Policy; Library Programs Policy

Town Clerk
Tewksbury, MA

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