

April 2023 BNML Librarian's Report

Building & Technology

- Electrical Upgrade and Repairs: Joel Snyder from JFS Electric has agreed to do the project. His estimate is higher than anticipated. He includes 46 hours of labor, and I have requested some more information about that.
- Sidewalk: Discussion on agenda

Grants/Funding

- Applied for a \$500 Winnie Belle Learned Grant. I am hoping to put it toward an end cap style bookcase (\$914 without shipping) to put at the end of Juvenile Fiction to accommodate that popular and crowded collection.

Programming

- **April** programs have included Wellness Day, the 2nd Annual Home and Heart Community Art Project with an Art Show Reception, distribution of books for our May community-wide Vermont Reads book discussion, Homeschool First Friday, 4 Storytimes, Saturday playgroup, Photography Club, a special beekeepers event, an afterschool series on two Tuesdays in conjunction with Northwest Access TV, free tree distribution for Earth Day, and a school vacation reading raffle and scavenger hunt.
- Upcoming programming in **May**:
 - Vermont Reads Book Discussion on ***The Most Costly Journey*** on Thursday, May 11 - Would love Friends and Trustees to join in!
 - Katherine Paterson author talk
 - A Wednesday after school project - Robots!
 - A Thursday after school art series with Ben Raymond in May-June
 - A birding lecture with Bridget Butler (Bird Diva), awaiting scheduling response
 - Photography Club
 - Homeschool First Friday
 - Story Hour every Wednesday
 - SaturPlay
 - Book delivery and baby package prep (lots o' babies!)
- Summer Reading Program planning is well underway

Other

- New! Am starting a seed library with the help of Jeffrey Nelson
- Jeffrey Nelson has offered to sand and spar the Albert Tetreault Memorial Bench
- Have added Rosemarie Paulson to our substitute roster, and she will also be doing some programming work for us
- Submitted VTDOL Annual Report