

May 2023 BNML Librarian's Report

Building & Technology

- Electrical Upgrade and Repairs: Joel Snyder from JFS Electric has agreed to do the project. Still waiting to hear when it will begin.
- Sidewalk: Project has started!
- Pressure washing of building is scheduled for July, \$875

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. Instead of asking the Friends for YA shelving, I have informally asked them to consider funding the rest of this shelf (\$500) pending the grant results.

Programming

- **May** programs have included the Vermont Reads Book Discussion, Katherine Paterson author talk, Homeschool First Friday, 4 Storytimes, Saturday playgroup, Photography Club, Beekeepers, a robot after school program, the first in an after school art series, free tree distribution for Earth Day, and a school vacation reading raffle and scavenger hunt.
- Upcoming programming in **June**:
 - Summer Reading Program, "All Together Now", kick-off! I will visit some classes at FCS and send flyers and reading logs home with all of the students. We will have lots of programming starting with Jerry Schneider with a bat program on 6/27. Lots of passive programming prizes along with multiple hosted events.
 - A Thursday after school project series with Ben Raymond
 - An Alzheimer's Association caregiver training
 - Photography Club
 - Homeschool First Friday
 - Story Hour every Wednesday
 - SaturPlay
 - Book delivery and baby package prep (lots o' babies!)

Other

- Jeffrey Nelson built and donated a new bench for the patio. He may pressure wash the existing adirondack chairs to see if they can be revived.
- Larry Steeneck took away the Albert Tetreault Memorial Bench and refinished it.
- Gail Salzman is donating one of her large paintings for the loft. May need assistance with hanging it properly.
- Will launch a *1000 Books Before Kindergarten* program this spring/summer.