

From the Interim Library Director

As we close out 2016 and embark on a new year, there is much cause for reflection and excitement for what is to come. One year ago Hopkinton Public Library packed up the buildings at 13 Main Street and moved temporarily to 65 South Street. The groundbreaking for the new library building took place in March and construction commenced soon after. It has been thrilling to see the old structures transformed and the new building structure go up. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes, a new library for the community of Hopkinton is being created. Pulitzer Prize winner and astronomer Carl Sagan knew about the importance of libraries when he wrote, "the library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species."

The Hopkinton Public Library has been a community connector since 1890 and continues to connect the citizens to each other. As the Interim Library Director, it has been a pleasure working with a talented and dedicated staff serving this wonderful community. We welcomed a new part-time Young Adult Librarian this past spring and have watched the number of teen patrons grow. The Children's and Adult librarians have been able to provide a variety of programs and book discussions since moving into our temporary location thanks to the generosity of many organizations in Town, including the Senior Center and St. John's Church. The Summer Reading program this year was a big hit launched from the Town Common on the last day of school. There were book selections and programs for all ages. We appreciate the support of local businesses with their donations of raffle prizes for those who read the most during the summer.

This winter we will be offering astronomy programs with a telescope that was recently purchased by the Friends of the Hopkinton Public Library. Watch the library website [www.hopkintonlibrary.org](http://www.hopkintonlibrary.org) for upcoming programs. We hope you will visit the library this winter for the latest reads, DVD's, museum passes, and enjoyable, informative programs for all ages. You can even access library resources online when the library is closed, like downloadable e-books and homework help from databases accessible online. Library staff are excited to be planning for the future in a new, larger space. Go to [www.hopkintonlibrary.org](http://www.hopkintonlibrary.org) to see updates on the library construction project.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year at our temporary location at 65 South Street and towards the later part of 2017 in the new library at 13 Main Street. From all of us at the Hopkinton Public Library, may you have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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