

Director's Report
October 2021

Have you tried our online newsletter?

Exeter Public Library's Newsletter [Click this link to read about Fall happenings at the library](#)

In addition to our quarterly online newsletter we have added a weekly newsletter of events. Newsletters can be accessed on our webpage or you can sign-up and have it emailed to you

The renovation to the building continues. We will be adding a light at the Chestnut Street end of the walkway as well as a light over the new handicapped parking area.

We are back doing our usual pre Covid Fall programming for all ages and receiving positive responses from our patrons of all ages who are very happy to be able to participate in these programs.

Preschool story time has been well attended, and the Lounge has been popular as well! Sometime Parents waiting for Story Time children, sometimes parents and children playing and reading and sometimes adult patrons who want to sit and read or just look out at the river.

The entries to the Racial Unity Team's *Art and Poetry Challenge* inspired by Amanda Gorman's Inaugural Poem, The Hill We Climb will be on display for the month of November.

On Monday, October 11th, the Racial Unity Team, in association with Exeter Public Library, The Exeter Historical Society and the American Independence Museum hosted an Indigenous People's day event including a flag presentation, the history of Indigenous peoples and a land dedication. The library distributed bookmarks with Indigenous book recommendations for all ages and co-hosted a Story-walk with the American Independence Museum with the book We are Water People. The Story-walk is on the Exeter Riverwalk until the end of October.

The Library received a \$10,000 SHARP (Sustaining Humanities through the American Rescue Plan) grant to digitize the library's microfilm particularly the Exeter Newsletter, which is an almost a complete collection since it's beginning (the year 1972 is missing).

The library also received an LTC (Libraries Transform Communities) ALA small library grant for \$3,000 to fund a community read program using the teen and adult biographies of John Lewis and the history of voting in the United States.

By popular demand we will return to our Saturday hours of 9AM to 5PM beginning the first of next year.

All our programs are listed on our website in our newsletter.