

June 2021 Director's Report

The footings and piers for the walkway are in. We expect the building of the walkway to begin in the next two weeks. The interior of the library is 90% finished. All the children's books, all the large print books and all the adult fiction are back on the shelves.

The new deck furniture was purchased through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant awarded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the New Hampshire State Library (NHSL). Exeter Public Library's ARPA project was intended to be ready for summer events and for patrons who prefer being outside rather than inside.

Get ready for Summer and Summer Reading programs for all ages.

This year's Teen Summer Reading program, "Grow at the Library" is all about nature and begins July 6. Programs include planting flowers and herbs for the new Teen Scene windowsill garden, making bird feeders from recycled materials, music trivia, and a finale grand prize drawing. Teens can sign up to receive a free book, along with an activity packet featuring a scavenger hunt, stargazing charts, trivia, and a self-guided nature art & photography challenge. Teens are invited to come into the building and contribute to a "heat map" project in the Teen Scene, using art and coloring to track high temperatures in Exeter throughout the summer.

Adult Summer Reading is "Books You've Been Meaning to Read". Throughout June, we will ask patrons for suggestions, in the library, using the online form or by email, to be on the reading list of the top books suggested. The list and prizes will be available from July 6 to August 14. Patrons can also vote for their favorite titles on the list, online and in person. Also, the Adult Summer Reading Program will include the ever-popular Staff Picks display.

We are planning two live musical performances this summer one in July and one in August.

During June in the Children's Room we are having visits from Main Street School.

Beginning July 6 children ages 3 and up are invited to participate in this 4-week summer reading program Tails and Tales. Children set their own weekly reading goals and receive a prize for reaching it. Once again, we are offering Bowling, Burgers and Books at Exeter Bowling Alley hosted by Rob Ficara. Barbara is back doing ceramics with children ages 5 and up. We will be visiting Exeter Rec Day camp every week to bring summer reading gently used books to the campers.

Beginning the week of July 12 we will have story time for ages 3 and up on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10am

"Book Blast is our summer reading program available to children in 4th and 5th grade. A book will be given to and read by participants during this four-week program. The book will be highlighted with weekly interactive activities! This program is designed for participants to have a blast with books! Sign up begins July 6th!