



**Webster Public Library**  
**Director's Report**  
**September 14, 2022**

1. The Town Board passed a resolution to create the Preliminary Budget for 2023 at the September 1<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. The only changes the Town enacted to the library's budget was a reduction in retiree hospitalization and a \$37,000 transfer from the fund balance. The line item of the tentative Town budget will be published in the October issue of Webster Today, which should reach homes early in October.
2. Harvard's *Future Libraries* program was a rewarding, intense, three days hosted by the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Each day included presentations from architects and library directors, design challenges, and tours of local libraries. The program was thoughtfully constructed and included academic and public libraries from varying budgets, including Calgary's new Central library and the North East branch of Cecil County Public Library.
3. The Summer Reading program has concluded for the year. Over the course of the three months, over 1,700 reading logs were taken for patrons to track their reading. Between paper and online participants, we had about 98 adults, 65 teens, and 277 children participating. For those who returned their logs or tracked their reading online, WPL patrons logged just over 11,000 hours of reading! Some 400 entries were entered from our selection of grand prizes from our generous community partners.
4. The BookBox program has also finished its season. Joined by volunteers and colleagues from Webster Parks and Recreation, we were able to bring library services to the residents of Phillips Village with a side of a healthy snack, freeze pops, and games. Webster UCC mailed the check for the donations brought in by their Caring Community Concert series which totaled \$1,428.12! As always, WPL wishes to extend its gratitude to the UCC for continuing to include us as a beneficiary for their summer concert series.

**Director's Meetings**

- Town Department Heads
- Harmony Park Storytime
- Town Board Workshop Presentation
- Book Challenge Review Team
- Friends Co-Chairs and Town Supervisor Introduction

**Selected Statistics**

- Days Open: 23
- Circulation: 42,438 (6%)
- Door Count: 16,875 (23%)
- Reference Questions: 984 (20%)
- New Borrowers: 183

Next Meeting: Oct. 12, 2022