

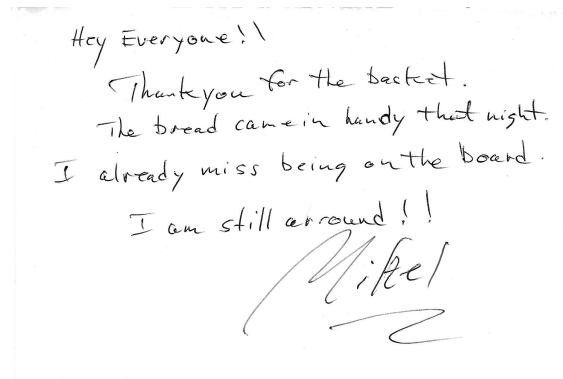


Director's Report September 2022

Respectfully submitted by Chelsea Jordan-Makely on August 10, 2022

Joys and successes:

- Thank you to Betsy, Jill, and everyone who contributed to the gift baskets for Mike and Michelle! Here is a thank you card that Mike sent:



- Feedback in regards to the Uvalde clothesline has only been positive!
- Several new families we met through outreach at the Transfer Station have been coming to the library since!
- GML was in the news twice this month in regards to the grants we received from the LSTA, one for the local history podcast, and the other for services in the Franklin County Jail:
 - [“Griswold Memorial Library receives \\$7.5k for Local History Podcast”](#)
 - [“Grant to expand jail’s literary programs. ‘opening up a new world’ for Greenfield inmates”](#)



- Thank you again to Betsy, Sandy, Marty, and Dominique for all of their work getting the basement cleaner and more organized! We're ready to move the craft cart materials back upstairs where patrons will be able to access and use them for all their creative needs!
- We're grateful to Moldavite Dreams, Hager's Farm Market, and Mary Parsons for donating prizes for Summer Reading Club!
- Thanks to Nancy for pulling together another beautiful StoryWalk and SRC certificates!

Building & Grounds:

- Joe's Windows stopped by to assess cleaning our windows. The ones that don't have security grating can be cleaned using water-fed poles. The ones with security gates can be cleaned by water-fed poles if someone removes the security grates, or else skip those windows. The front windows (with balconies) should be cleaned by hand. He was not sure if the screens could be removed, but if we could get those off before their visit it would help. The small panels above the front door can be cleaned by hand also. The two sets of 15 with the water-fed pole would run \$150.00; each balcony window would cost \$75.00; the small set of windows over the door would cost \$50.00. To do the insides also by hand would cost an additional \$100.00. Aaron Wooley, who is going to be helping with other maintenance projects, said that he could remove the grates for us, and put them back again if we choose.
- Kim from the Conway School planned to visit the library on August 5th in regards to our application for a school project. Our neighbor weighed in this week that she'd like for us to provide more shade to people so they will not gather under the trees near her property. I reminded her that we are working on some long-term plans.
- Because the bid for the energy-efficient inserts exceeded \$10k, the town administrator has advised the Energy Committee to reach out for other RFPs.

Programs and services:

- Summer Reading will officially "close" on August 27th. As of August 10th, there were 44 adults signed up, 62 children, and another 5 teens! All children and teens will win prizes, and one lucky adult!
- "Walking and movement with Kathy Steinem" began on August 3rd, and will recur every Wednesday and Friday, so long as Kathy is keen! Attendance has not been very good so far, but that is to be expected with a new program, and also on account of the heat wave!
- The Carol Purington Poetry Collective met on Friday, August 5th, with six people in attendance, and a with several emailing their regrets that the heat or other summer obligations had kept them away.
- We'll be hosting a "launch party" and author visit with Astrid Sheckels at Pine Hill on September 3rd at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate this year's storywalk, *Hector Fox and the Giant Quest!*
- There seems to be a lot of excitement already about Fix-It Day on September 10th!

Administration:

- Chelsea completed (almost 100%) the annual statistics from the MBLC! Now on to the 2023 Financial Report!

- In follow up to concerns that were raised after an incident outside of the library, and other issues that occurred at other area libraries, Chelsea reviewed our safety protocols and Code of Conduct with staff, and also shared two training opportunities, including a recorded webinar, , [De-escalation Amid COVID-19: Tips and Strategies to Minimize Conflict](#), and a live training that is being offered through CW Mars and [Right to Be](#) on Tuesday, August 23rd, “ Bystander Intervention and Conflict De-escalation.”
- Chelsea will be on vacation September 13th through 20th. She also took some vacation hours this past pay period after canceling outreach at the transfer station on the 6th, due to the heat, and because the zine workshop at Just Roots was canceled on August 13th.