

## LBOD Meeting 9.27.2021

### Director's Report

1. Staffing Update
  - a. Amber Delvento, Youth Services Programmer resigned this month to take a teaching job in Cape Cod.
  - b. Bailey Gartman will start October 4<sup>th</sup> as the new Youth Services Programmer
  - c. Helen Lau-Wong has been promoted from Library Clerk to Senior Library Assistant - Technology, FT
  - d. Alexander Pedroza has been promoted from Library Clerk to Library Assistant – Technology, PT
  - e. We have two vacant Library Clerk positions which we are looking to fill as Temporary to Permanent positions with candidates from a previous candidate pool
2. ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Grant
  - a. With the funds we have received (\$17.908) two projects have been approved
    - i. Exterior Locker system: \$15,110 grant & \$4,805 LIBOPS (unencumbered funds). This project will allow the library to expand its 24-hour services beyond what is available on our website to the circulation of physical items and technology after hours.
      1. Status – Contracts signed and ground/electric preparations scheduled
    - ii. Morse Meeting room furniture: \$2,798 grant & \$2,175 LIBOPS (Encumbered 2<sup>nd</sup> floor renovation funds). The new mobile furniture will allow Morse to become a multi-use space and not just a conference room. Expanding the use of building space.
      1. Status – Furniture ordered, waiting delivery date
3. Public Work Projects
  - a. Flooding in Book Cellar stairwell has been addressed and gutters will be repaired and cleaned as soon as supplies arrive
  - b. Seelye House first floor bathroom floor has been replaced
4. AARP Grant
  - a. CT Liveable Communities Grant – Deadline October 1, 2021
  - b. This year we will be requesting funding for a solar charging station with WIFI to be installed on the exterior of the property to support our continued goal of enhancing the use of the property and expanding after hours use of the library (<https://selsled.com/products/sc9820-charging-light>).
5. Teen Violence Prevention Grant
  - a. Through the assistance of Rep. Raghieb Allie-Brennan, the Friends of the Bethel Public Library is the recipient of the Teen Violence Prevention Programming grant providing \$150,000 over two years. This funding will be used to expand Teen Services programming and spaces.