

Varley - Librarian Report
October

School age programs are once again about to begin on a weekly basis. Our Lego club participation has dropped so I will be reaching out to younger age kids to bring them back into the library on Thursdays. We have two upcoming programs by Judi Calhoun on the next two Saturdays, one for writing and another on drawing. We have been buying adult fiction and nonfiction and largely ignoring kids and YA fiction since so much of our summer budget is devoted to those ages.

I recently applied for a \$2500 grant from the Vermont Community Foundation Small & Inspiring Fund for a series of outdoor education programs involving foraging, wild plant identification. I am looking at further program-based grants and gathering info on large grants to fund maintenance and expansion of the building. These are very time-consuming grants. While I was unable to attend the retreat run by Preservation Trust of VT, I'm hoping to get guidance from Lisa Ryan on planning this out.

I am about to book a puppetry group for a December performance at Alice Ward. They will put on a shadow puppet show and a short workshop afterward. It is aimed at younger elementary age children and their parents.

I have had minimal responses from the Teen Librarian Program flyers given out to students at Canaan Schools. I am going to further push this opportunity, and if receive no response, will approach Colebrook and Pittsburg schools.