

Pillsbury Free Library
Report of Chair and Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
2022

The Library's anticipated HVAC system upgrade was installed in October. Thanks to the continued support of the Warner Community in providing Capital Improvement funding, we were able to select a high efficiency mini split heat pump system to improve comfort levels throughout the Library that should also provide a savings in overall utility costs.

Through the committed work and research of several trustees, as well as our Library Director Nancy Ladd, the Library was awarded grants from ARPA and the NH Charitable Foundation to upgrade technology, to improve remote communication, and install two privacy booths that provide a quiet space to work, as well as an indoor space to communicate by cell phone or over the internet.

The Library had an encouraging year in fundraising thanks to book sales and the Spring Flea Market, both aided by the Library's Circle of Friends, and to the much appreciated continued support for our Annual Appeal. The community's generosity allows us to provide additional services to the public.

The Library Trustees and staff are grateful to have received a generous bequest of \$100,000 from the estate of Carol Pletcher. The trustees were honored that Carol's daughter Jenn and her family attended the Public Hearing held to accept the bequest. We appreciated hearing how Carol valued the role of the library in our community. We thank her and her family for this thoughtful and caring gift.

Success of the Pillsbury Free Library is the product of many factors:

- * A professional staff led by our hard working, experienced, and resourceful Library Director who circulates a weekly online newsletter that reaches nearly 1,000 subscribers.
- *Year-round children's programming that provides preschool, after school and summer activities, as well as a spring play production, thanks to our Children's Librarian.
- *Nine Trustees whose participation on many committees provides support for maintaining the services and physical condition of the Library, as well as programs throughout the year.
- *The Warner Community that shows support in allocating needed funding, respecting our requests for necessary Capital Improvements, and above all, utilizing the variety of services offered.

Thank you for a successful 2022!

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Simon, Chair
Dana Myskowski, Vice Chair