

April 2021

## Director's Report

We are getting very close to the finish!

The main part of the Children's Room is finished and open to the public. All the children's books that were stored are now on the shelves. More and more children and parents are coming in every day. The kids especially like to sit in the cubbies or on the window seats.

The Parent Room and the Art Room are still needed for storage right now for adult nonfiction. The additional shelving for the adult floor is expected to arrive and be installed the week of April 19. Once that occurs we will be able to have all the stored adult books back on the shelves.

The Teen room has new carpeting and a new look.

The Historical room has new carpet as well.

The large meeting room and the small study rooms finished. Because of Covid we continue to only book rooms to Town of Exeter Departments until we have more information on numbers allowed in each.

The new area overlooking String Bridge and the Squamscott River has become very popular with patrons as a place to sit and read or study or just relax.

The storm-drain and the Stormtec drainage (both necessary for the permit to renovate) have been installed.

The park bench on the String Bridge side of the building has been returned and the area will be seeded with grass seed.

The driveway repaving begins on April 14 and should only take 2 days.

The exterior work on the walkway from the building to Chestnut Street is expected to begin Tuesday April 14. The walkway will be separated from the building and then removed. The area will be prepared for the new walkway and then it will be installed. The entire process is expected to take approximately 8 weeks.

The flooring for the decks is being installed and that is expected to take 2-3 weeks.

Although programming has to be limited due to Covid-19 we are doing scavenger hunts with prizes and a coloring station in the Children's Room.

We are planning programming for our summer reading. The format will be very similar to last year with take-away packets and prizes for the children and teens. We will also be bringing summer reading to Exeter's Recreation Department's Summer camp.