

# Township of Douro-Dummer Agenda for a Public Library Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m.

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# Minutes of the Township of Douro-Dummer Public Library Board Meeting

March 12, 2024, 4:00 PM

**Present:** Thomas Watt

**Darla Milne** 

**Georgia Gale-Kidd** 

Diane Bonner Gary Rose

**Staff Present** Maggie Pearson

Jiji Joshy

# 1. Call to Order

With a quorum of the Board being present, the Secretary called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

# 2. <u>Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interest</u>

The Chair reminded members of the Board of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interest they might have. None were declared.

# 3. Approval of February 13, 2024 Minutes

### **Resolution Number 11-2024**

Moved by: Georgia Gale-Kidd Seconded by: Thomas Watt

That the February 13 2024 draft minutes be approved.

Carried

# 4. Business Arising from Minutes:

# 4.1 Committee Reports:

# 4.1.1 Friends of the Library

Verbal report from Georgia-Gale Kidd: March Break programming planned including Family Games Day in the library. Speaker Series for April will be Susan Chow and topic is: "Fascinating Fungi". May event will include plant and book sale on mothers' day weekend.

# 4.1.2 Art Gallery

Verbal report from Maggie Pearson: potential show Fall 2024 with local artist Deb Brown (oil paintings). Board discussion re: potential for new board member to head art gallery committee and possibility of hosting art gallery launch events for future shows.

# 4.1.3 Policy Committee

# 4.1.3.1 Review Schedule

Verbal Report from Maggie Pearson: Highlight of upcoming mandatory annual reviews for policy committee and Board.

#### **Resolution Number 12-2024**

Moved by: Darla Milne Seconded by: Gary Rose

That these committee reports be accepted form information.

Carried

# 5. Financial Report Dated February 29, 2024

Verbal Report from Jijo Joshy giving general overview of report, hydro usage/rate increase.

# **Resolution Number 13-2024**

Moved by: Thomas Watt Seconded by: Darla Milne

That the financial report be accepted form information.

Carried

# 6. <u>Librarian Reports:</u>

- 6.1 Stats Report February 2024
- 6.2 Operations/ Projects Update

Board Discussion re: mandate for program room art showings, Board member availability for Library Assistant recruitment process.

# **Resolution Number 14-2024**

Moved by: Diane Bonner Seconded by: Gary Rose

That the Librarian Reports be accepted form information.

Carried

# **Resolution Number 15 -2024**

Moved by: Thomas Watt Seconded by: Darla Milne

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:45PM

Carried

# 11. Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 9, 2024 4:00PM at Douro-Dummer Public Library

Chair, Georgia Gale Kido
Secretary, Maggie Pearsor

# **Township of Douro-Dummer Public Library**

Policy Type: Personnel

Policy Title: Prevention of Workplace Violence

Policy Number: DDPL-Per-007

Policy Approval Date: Revised and Adopted May 2023

Date of Next Review: May 2024 (ANNUAL REVIEW REQUIRED)

**Policy Statement**: To provide guidelines for the Douro-Dummer Public Library, concerning the prevention of violence in the workplace.

**Purpose:** The Douro-Dummer Public Library ensures fair conditions for library members, volunteers, staff and others who visit the premises in accordance with the *Public Libraries Act* R.S.O. 1990.

This policy addresses the prevention of workplace violence as part of the Douro-Dummer Public Library Board's responsibility for worker health and safety under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Violent behaviour in the workplace is unacceptable from anyone including staff, members of the Board, volunteers, clients, patrons and others who do business with the library. Individuals who violate this policy may be removed from library property, and in the case of employees, are subject to disciplinary action including termination.

#### **Section 1: Definition**

- 1. The Douro-Dummer Public Library recognizes the definition of violence as set out in the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. Workplace violence means:
  - a) the exercise of physical force by a person against a worker in a workplace that causes or could cause physical injury to the worker,
  - b) an attempt to exercise physical force against a worker in a workplace that could cause physical injury to the worker,
  - a statement or behaviour that it is reasonable for a worker to interpret as a threat to exercise
    physical force against the worker in a workplace that could cause physical injury to the worker
- 2. Violence in the workplace may include:
  - a) verbally threatening to attack a worker
  - b) leaving threatening notes or sending threatening e-mails to the workplace
  - c) shaking a fist in a worker's face
  - d) hitting or trying to hit a worker
  - e) throwing or kicking an object
  - f) sexual aggression against a worker
- 3. Violence in the library or on library property also includes:
  - a) intentionally or recklessly damaging of the property of another person
  - b) intentionally causing alarm
  - c) recklessly creating a risk by fighting
  - d) creating a hazardous condition or danger by recklessly engaging in conduct which creates a substantial risk of serious physical injury
  - e) intentionally placing or attempting to place another person in fear of imminent serious physical injury
  - f) wielding a weapon

### Personnel Policies – DDPL Per-007 – Prevention of Workplace Violence (continued)

#### Section 2: Responsibility and Response

- 1. The CEO must develop and maintain a workplace violence program. (See Schedule A) The program will set out:
  - a) a process for assessing the risk of violence in the workplace
  - b) measures to control risk including those from domestic violence
  - c) procedures for reporting incidents of violence
  - d) the process for dealing with, and investigating, violent incidents and complaints.
- 2. All reports will be thoroughly investigated by the CEO or designate.
- 3. Physical or sexual assault or threat of physical violence will be reported to the police.
- 4. The library will provide staff with information on the risk of violence in the library and training workshops on a periodic basis addressing concerns such as "dealing with difficult people."
- 5. Anyone experiencing or witnessing imminent danger or actual violence involving weapons or personal injury should call the police.
- 6. Workplace violence should be reported immediately to the most senior staff member available.
- 7. Employees are encouraged to report behaviour that they reasonably believe poses a potential for violence as described above.
- 8. The Douro-Dummer Public Library, at the request of an employee, or at its own discretion, may prohibit members of the public, including family members, from seeing an employee on library property in cases where the employee suspects that an act of violence will result from an encounter with said individual(s).
- 9. This policy will be:
  - a) reviewed as needed by the Board
  - b) posted in the staff room along with the Violence Prevention Program (See Schedule A)
  - c) posted on the library's website

### **Section 3: Confidentiality and False Reports**

- 1. All investigations shall be conducted in strict confidence to the extent possible. Documents will be stored in the Human Resources cabinet and access to these records will be restricted.
- 2. Employees who are found to have made false or malicious complaints will be subject to disciplinary action.

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Chairperson:	Georgia Gale-Kidd	CEO/Librarian: Maggie Pearson

### Personnel Policies – DDPL Per-007 – Prevention of Workplace Violence (continued)

# Schedule A – Workplace Violence Program

#### Plan for Maintaining Security in the Library

- 1. The library staff will conduct a worksite assessment as often as necessary to ensure measures for violence prevention are effective. The assessment will:
  - a) identify jobs or locations with the greatest risk
  - b) identify high risk factors
  - c) include a physical workplace security audit
  - d) evaluate the effectiveness of existing security measures
- 2. The CEO will review as needed the history of past incidents to identify patterns or trends.

#### Recognized areas of higher risk in the library include:

- a) contact with the public
- b) working alone or in small numbers
- c) the circulation desk where money is kept
- d) closing the library at night
- e) secondary entrances to the library

### Measures for reducing the risk.

#### 1. General

- a) designate the library office (with doors that lock and phone) as emergency safe rooms
- b) keep all secondary entrance doors locked
- c) kept in good working order the exterior lights around the building
- d) refer to Library's Working Alone policy. (DDPL-Per-006)

### 2. Recognize the Signs of Violence

Early identification and prevention of violence in the workplace is encouraged. Potential threats of violence that should be reported could include the following:

- a) threatening statements to do harm to self or others
- b) reference to other incidents of violence
- c) confrontational behaviour
- d) major change in personality, mood or behaviour
- e) substance abuse

# 3. Steps to Increase Your Personal Safety

- 1. Notice your surroundings and report any unsafe or dangerous situation to the most senior staff.
- 2. If you feel uncomfortable about a person who has entered the library, trust your instincts. If you feel threatened, make a scene YELL!
- 3. Refer to Library's Working Alone policy. (DDPL-Per-006)
- 4. If you enter a bathroom and suspect it is unsafe, don't call out. Back out, go to a safe, lockable place with a phone and call for help.
- 5. Know the nearest exit or room with a lock.

#### 4. Domestic Violence: Steps to Increase Your Personal Safety

- 1. Tell someone at work about your situation.
- 2. Make up a "code word" for co-workers so they know when to call for help.
- 3. Ask your co-workers to screen your calls and visitors.
- **4.** Ask a co-worker to call the police if your abuser is bothering you.

# Personnel Policies - DDPL Per-007 - Schedule A - Workplace Violence Program (continued)

#### 5. Staff Procedures

#### **Threatening Behaviour:**

- 1. Do not argue with a threatening person. Identify yourself as a library staff member. Remain calm and keep your voice low and firm.
- 2. Do not put yourself or others in danger. Keep a distance of four feet.
- 3. Be friendly but firm, introduce yourself, look at the person while you talk to him/her, let the person talk, clarify the problem and offer solutions.
- 4. Get assistance from another staff person.
- 5. Advise him/her that the police will be called if the abuse does not stop.
- 6. If the behaviour doesn't change, call the police.
- 7. Notify the CEO or designate.

### Violence/Assault:

- 1. If you hear raised voices or sounds of a scuffle investigate.
- 2. If you witness violence or an assault, call the police and describe the situation.
- 3. Recruit other staff to move others out of the way to a safer location.
- 4. Do not block exits to prevent a threatening/violent person from leaving the building.
- 5. Do not invade the personal space of the threatening person.
- 6. Do not get between two people fighting.
- 7. Notice details so you can describe the situation to the police.
- 8. Notify the CEO.

#### How to report

- 1. A report should be made as soon as possible after an action or behaviour occurred
- 2. An informal, verbal complaint may be brought forward to the CEO. It is in the best interest of all concerned that a report be written.
- 3. If a formal complaint is requested, the employee must file a written report with the CEO
- 4. The report should include a brief statement of the incident, when it occurred, where it occurred, date and time it occurred, the person(s) involved and the names of any witnesses if any.

#### **Investigation and Dealing with Incidents or Complaints**

- 1. After receiving a report the CEO or her designate will complete an investigation as quickly as possible, depending on the nature and severity of the issue. This will include interviews with the employee, the alleged perpetrator, if a staff member, and any witnesses.
- 2. The results of the investigation will be discussed with the employee and recommended preventative actions and/or resolutions presented.
- 3. A separate meeting will be held with the alleged perpetrator, if a staff member.
- 4. If the findings do not support the allegations the CEO will recommend that no further action is necessary and that the matter be closed.
- 5. Should the investigation conclude that there is evidence of misconduct the CEO will prescribe a resolution that may include police intervention.
- 6. Employees who are found to have made false or malicious complaints will be subject to disciplinary action.

# **Township of Douro-Dummer Public Library**

Policy Type: **Personnel**Policy Title: **Working Alone**Policy Number: **DDPL-Per-008** 

Policy Approval Date: Revised and Adopted May 2023

Date of Next Review: May 2027

**Policy Statement**: To provide guidelines for the Douro-Dummer Public Library, concerning Staff and Volunteers working alone in the Library. This policy is used in conjunction with the Township of Douro Dummer Health and Safety Policy

**Purpose:** The Douro-Dummer Public Library ensures fair conditions for library members, volunteers, staff and others who visit the premises in accordance with the *Public Libraries Act* R.S.O. 1990. To provide a policy to guide the safe conduct of Library business for employees and volunteers that are required to work alone.

This policy is to ensure appropriate supervisory due diligence and to promote safe work procedures for the health and safety of employees and volunteers working alone.

**Definitions:** Working alone describes situations during the course of employment by an employee or volunteer who is:

- a) the only worker for the employer or volunteer at the library at any time, and/or
- b) not directly supervised by their employer, or another person designated as a supervisor by their employer, at any time and/or
- c) working at a site where assistance is not readily available, and/or
- d) in an area where they do not have direct contact with a co-worker for a period of time and cannot be seen or heard by another person; and/or cannot expect a visit from another worker.

While it is not always hazardous to work alone, it can be when other circumstances are present. Whether a situation is a high or low risk will depend on the location, type of work, interaction with the public, or the consequences of an emergency, accident, injury, etc. This wide variety of circumstances makes it important to assess each situation individually.

Working alone is prohibited when work involves:

- a portable ladder that exceeds 6 metres in length; the use of fall arrest equipment and scaffolds;
- machine and power tools that could cause critical injury (i.e. chain saw);
- tasks which, based on the risk assessment conducted by the supervisor in consultation with the
  employee or volunteer and the H&S Coordinator, are deemed to require more than one person
  or any other tasks as prescribed by the OHSA and its regulations.

**Consequences of Non-Compliance:** This policy is intended to provide a level of protection for township employees while working alone- non-compliance may put an employee or volunteer in unsafe situations which could result in injury or harm. Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action.

<b>Review Cycle:</b> This policy will be reviewed for	revision on a 4-year cycle, but can also be revised as
required by the CEO/Librarian and/or the	Library Board. This policy supersedes any previous policy.
Chairnerson: Georgia Gale-Kidd	CEO/Librarian: Maggie Pearson

# Personnel Policies - DDPL Per-008 - Schedule A - Working Alone Procedures

# **Schedule A - Working Alone Procedures**

#### 1. Responsibilities:

- a) Working alone situations shall be identified and assessed co-operatively by the CEO/Librarian, employees and volunteers.
- b) The working alone safety plan shall be documented by the CEO/Librarian, employee or volunteer and reviewed as required
- c) The CEO/Librarian, employees and volunteers must ensure ongoing communication regarding the effectiveness of the safety plan and adjust as circumstances change (such as medical concerns, increased risk of violence from public etc.).
- d) The CEO/Librarian shall provide on-going training and instructions to employees or volunteers for their specific working alone situations.

#### 2. Specific Guidelines:

Working alone safety plans must address the following considerations:

- a) <u>Communication Tools:</u> Tools may include two-way radio or telephone. The plan should include the provision of a tool appropriate for the position as well as a back-up should the primary means of communication become unavailable. There shall be a phone in the office (with both doors that can lock) at all times.
- b) <u>Timing and Location:</u> The length of time an employee or volunteer will be working alone including expectations regarding the amount of time that is reasonable as well as the distance of the working location from home and the Library.
- c) <u>Contact with the Public:</u> To include strategies to ensure that when an employee or volunteer is alone they are able to arrange a meeting occurring at a safe meeting location and time.
- d) <u>Check-in Procedures:</u> To ensure procedures have been established for regular contact with the supervisor and/or other members of the department. These procedures shall include a daily work plan to be provided to the CEO/Librarian that outlines the employee or volunteer's working alone activities throughout the day.
- e) <u>Cash Handling Procedures:</u> Where an employee or volunteer working alone is required to handle cash, a minimal amount of cash shall be kept in the register.

Library Employees: Librarian and Part time staff

#### **Activities performed:**

- Cash handling.
- Work alone as sole occupant in building.
- Work alone in secluded areas in a building occupied by the public.
- Travel alone but have no routine interaction with clients or the public.

<u>Employees who work alone during normal working hours:</u> When employees are working alone at a location the following must be adhered to, ensuring the safety of the employee:

#### Describe precautions taken to safeguard employees who work alone:

- Telephones are in place in all office areas. All meetings with members of the public shall be conducted in the established meeting rooms- not in the employee's office.
- During times when employees are working outside of normal working hours all access doors to the library shall be locked to prevent public access

#### Further steps which should be taken within the Library Facility to prevent risks of working alone:

An employee that is working alone in the Administration facility should ensure that another person is aware that they are working alone and the expected time of return.

### Employees who work alone away from the office during normal working hours:

When employees are working alone at a location the following must be adhered to, ensuring the safety of the employee:

#### When traveling out of the office, the main contact person should know the following details:

- destination,
- estimated time of arrival,
- return time or date,
- contact information,
- alternate plans in the event of bad weather, traffic problems, etc.

### Check-in procedure is:

- Prepare a daily work plan so it is known where the lone employee will be and when.
- Identify one main person to be the contact at the office, plus a back-up.
- Define under what circumstances the lone employee will check in and how often.
- Stick to the visual check or call-in schedule. You may wish to have a written log of contact.
- Have the contact person call or visit the lone employee periodically to make sure he or she is okay.
- Pick out a code word to be used to identify or confirm that help is needed.
- Develop an emergency action plan to be followed if the lone employee does not check-in when he or she is supposed to.

#### Do:

- Arrange to meet patrons in a 'safe' environment where other people are around.
- Wear comfortable, professional clothing and practical shoes which will enable you to leave quickly if necessary.
- Always wear or carry *your identification badge*. It will show that you are acting in an official capacity and that you are an employee doing your job.
- Carry only what is necessary.
- Always take your cell phone or radio with you and keep it in a place you can access quickly.
- Be alert and make mental notes of your surroundings when you arrive at a new place.
- Maintain a 'reactionary gap' between yourself and the other person (e.g., out of reach of the average person's kicking distance). Increase the gap by sitting across from each other at a table, if possible.
- If you are referring to written material, bring two copies so that you can sit across from the person, not heside
- Ask a colleague or "buddy" to come with you if something makes you feel uneasy. Tell your supervisor about any feelings of discomfort or apprehension about an upcoming meeting.
- Keep records and indicate if the client or patient is known to be aggressive, hostile or potentially violent. Do not leave out incidents that make you feel apprehensive.

#### Do Not:

- Do not enter any situation or location where you feel threatened or unsafe.
- Do not carry weapons of any type, including pepper spray. Weapons can be easily used against you and are illegal in some jurisdictions

# **Township of Douro-Dummer Public Library**

Policy Type: Personnel

Policy Title: Respect in the Workplace

Policy Number: DDPL-Per-009

Policy Approval Date: Revised and Adopted May 2023

Date of Next Review: May 2024 (ANNUAL REVIEW REQUIRED)

**Policy Statement**: To provide guidelines for the Douro-Dummer Public Library, concerning the creation of an inclusive environment that is principally based on the creation of a respectful workplace that is free from any form of violence or harassment.

**Purpose**: The Douro-Dummer Public Library is committed to providing and maintaining a working environment that is based on respect for the dignity and rights of everyone in the organization. It is the Library's goal to provide an inclusive, safe and healthy work environment that is free from any form of harassment or violence.

**Scope:** This policy applies to all employees, volunteers including Trustees on the Board, contractors and consultants. It applies in any location in which staff is engaged in work-related activities and includes, but is not limited to:

- The workplace
- During work-related travel
- At restaurants, hotels or meeting facilities that are being used for business purposes
- In facilities occupied by the library
- During telephone, e-mail or other communications
- At any work-related social event, whether or not it is library sponsored

This policy also applies to situations in which employees are harassed or subjected to violence in the workplace from individuals who are not employees of the Library, such as patrons and suppliers, although the available remedies may be constrained by the situation.

#### **Definitions**

- i. "Sexual harassment" includes conduct or comments of a sexual nature that the recipient does not welcome or that offend him or her. It also includes negative or inappropriate conduct or comments that are not necessarily sexual in nature, but which are directed at an individual because of his or her gender. Some examples of sexual harassment are:
  - Sexual advances or demands that the recipient does not welcome or want
  - Threats, punishment or denial of a benefit for refusing a sexual advance
  - Offering a benefit in exchange for a sexual favour
  - Leering (persistent sexual staring)
  - Displaying sexually offensive material such as posters, pictures, calendars, cartoons, screen savers, pornographic or erotic websites or other electronic material
  - Distributing sexually explicit e-mail messages or attachments such as pictures or video files
  - Sexually suggestive or obscene comments or gestures
  - Unwelcome remarks, jokes, innuendoes, propositions or taunting about a person's body, clothing or sex
  - Persistent, unwanted attention after a consensual relationship ends
  - Physical contact of a sexual nature, such as touching or caressing

Sexual assault

# Personnel Policies – DDPL Per-009 – Respect in the Workplace (continued)

- ii. "Discrimination" includes any distinction, exclusion or preference based on the protected grounds in the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, which nullifies or impairs equality of opportunity in employment, or equality in the terms and conditions of employment.
- iii. **"Discriminatory harassment**" includes comments or conduct based on the protected grounds in the *Ontario Human Rights Code*, which the recipient does not welcome or that offends him or her. Some examples of discriminatory harassment include:
  - Offensive comments, jokes or behaviour that disparage or ridicule a person's membership in one of the protected grounds, such as race, religion or sexual orientation
  - Imitating a person's accent, speech or mannerisms
  - Persistent or inappropriate questions about whether a person is pregnant, has children, or plans to have children
  - Inappropriate comments or jokes about an individual's age, sexual orientation, personal appearance or weight

Harassing comments or conduct can poison someone's working environment, making it a hostile or uncomfortable place to work, even if the person is not being directly targeted. This is commonly referred to as a poisoned working environment and it is also a form of harassment. Some examples of actions that can create a poisoned work environment include:

- Displaying offensive or sexual materials such as posters, pictures, calendars, websites or screen savers
- Distributing offensive e-mail messages, or attachments such as picture or video files
- Practical jokes that embarrass or insult someone
- Jokes or insults that are offensive, racist or discriminatory in nature
- iv. "Workplace harassment and bullying" is a health and safety issue that is covered under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The Occupational Health and Safety Act defines workplace harassment as "engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in the workplace that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome". Workplace harassment may have some or all of the following components:
  - It is generally repetitive, although a single serious incident may constitute workplace harassment if it undermines the recipient's psychological or physical integrity and has a lasting harmful effect
  - It is hostile, abusive or inappropriate
  - It affects the person's dignity or psychological integrity
  - It results in a poisoned work environment

In addition, behaviour that intimidates, isolates, or discriminates against the recipient may also be included. Some examples of workplace harassment are:

- Verbally abusive behaviour such as yelling, insults, ridicule and name calling including remarks, jokes or innuendoes that demean, ridicule, intimidate or offend
- Workplace pranks, vandalism, bullying and hazing
- Gossiping or spreading malicious rumours
- Excluding or ignoring someone, including persistent exclusion of a particular person from workplace-related social gatherings
- Undermining someone else's efforts by setting impossible goals, with short deadlines and deliberately withholding information that would enable a person to do their job

### Personnel Policies - DDPL Per-009 - Respect in the Workplace (continued)

### Workplace harassment and bullying (continued)

- Providing only demeaning or trivial tasks in place of normal job duties
- Humiliating someone
- Sabotaging someone else's work
- Displaying or circulating offensive pictures and materials
- Offensive or intimidating phone calls or e-mails
- Impeding an individual's efforts at promotions or transfers for reasons that are not legitimate
- Making false allegations about someone in memos or other work-related documents

**What isn't harassment -** Workplace harassment should not be confused with legitimate, reasonable management actions that are part of the normal work function, including:

- Measures to correct performance deficiencies, such as placing someone on a performance improvement plan
- Imposing discipline for workplace infractions
- Requesting medical documents in support of an absence from work

Harrasment also excludes normal workplace conflict that may occur between individuals or differences of opinion between co-workers.

The test of harassment - The test of harassment is whether the initiating person knew or should have known that the comments or conduct were unwelcome to the other person. It does not matter whether an employee intended to offend someone. For example, someone may make it clear through their conduct or body language that the behaviour is unwelcome, in which case the employee must immediately stop that behaviour. Although it is commonly the case, the harasser does not necessarily have to have power or authority over the victim. Harassment can occur from co-worker to co-worker, supervisor to employee and employee to supervisor.

- v. "Workplace violence" is defined under the Occupational Health and Safety Act as:
  - The exercise of physical force by a person against a worker, in a workplace, that causes or could cause physical injury to the worker
  - An attempt to exercise physical force against a worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to the worker
  - A statement or behaviour that is reasonable for a worker to interpret as a threat to exercise physical force against the worker, in a workplace, that could cause physical injury to the worker

Workplace violence is defined broadly to include acts that may be considered criminal and includes:

- Physically threatening behaviour such as shaking a fist at someone, finger pointing, destroying property, throwing objects
- Verbal or written threats to physically attack a worker
- Leaving threatening notes or sending threatening e-mails
- Wielding a weapon at work
- Stalking someone
- Physically aggressive behaviours including hitting, shoving, standing excessively close to someone in an aggressive manner, pushing, kicking, throwing an object at someone, physically restraining someone or any other form of physical or sexual assault

Violence that occurs outside the normal workplace but which has an impact on the working environment, including working relationships, may also be considered violence in the workplace.

#### Personnel Policies – DDPL Per-009 – Respect in the Workplace (continued)

- vi. **"Domestic violence"** that may occur in the workplace is a health and safety issue, which is covered under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. If an employee is experiencing domestic violence that would likely expose them, or other workers, to physical injury that may occur in the workplace, the Douro-Dummer Public Library will take every precaution reasonable to protect the employee and their co-workers in the circumstances. This may include some or all of the following:
  - Creating a safety plan, eg. establishing enhanced security measures such as code words
  - Contacting the police
  - Screening calls and blocking certain e-mail addresses
  - Setting up priority parking or providing escorts to employee vehicles
  - Adjusting working hours and location so that they are not predictable

**Preventing harassment and violence** - It is the mutual responsibility of the employees and the library board to ensure that a harassment- and violence-free workplace is created and maintained and to address violence and/or the threat of violence from all possible sources (including patrons, clients, employers, supervisors, workers, strangers and domestic/intimate partners).

**Douro-Dummer Public Library's commitment -** The Douro-Dummer Public Library will do its part by not tolerating or condoning discrimination, harassment or violence in the workplace. This includes making everyone in the organization aware of what behaviour is and is not appropriate, assessing the risk of workplace violence, investigating complaints and imposing suitable corrective measures.

#### **Duties of supervisors**

Supervisors are expected to assist in creating a harassment- and violence-free workplace and to immediately contact the CEO if they receive a complaint of workplace harassment or violence or witness/are aware of harassing or violent behaviour. Supervisors must also take every reasonable precaution to protect employees from workplace violence, including evaluating an employee's history of violent behaviour to determine whether and to whom this employee poses a risk. In making this evaluation supervisors should consider:

- Whether the employee's history of violence was associated with the workplace or work
- Whether the history of violence was directed at a particular employee or employees in general
- How long ago the incidence of violence occurred

In certain circumstances, supervisors may have a duty to provide information about a risk of workplace violence from a person with a history of violent behaviour if an employee can be expected to encounter that person during the course of his or her work, and the risk of workplace violence is likely to expose the employee to physical injury. Supervisors will only release as much personal information about the person with a history of violent behaviour as is reasonably necessary to protect the employee from physical injury.

# Personnel Policies – DDPL Per-009 – Respect in the Workplace (continued)

# **Duties of all employees**

Employees must do their part by ensuring that their behaviour does not violate this policy and by fostering a work environment that is based on respect and is free of harassment. Employees are also required to report to their supervisor or the CEO, the existence of any workplace violence or threat of workplace violence.

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Chairperson: Georgia Gale-Kid	d CEO/Librarian:	Maggie Pearson

# Personnel Policies - DDPL Per-009 - Respect in the Workplace (continued)

# Schedule A: Procedure for resolving and investigating harassment complaints

### Informal procedure

If an employee believes that they are being harassed, the first thing to do is to tell the person harassing them to stop. The employee should do so as soon as they receive any unwelcome comments or conduct. Although this may be difficult to do, telling the person that you don't like their actions is often enough to stop the behaviour. Some examples of what to say that might stop the behaviour include:

- "I don't want you to do that..."
- "Please stop doing or saying..."
- "It makes me uncomfortable when you..."
- "I don't find it funny when you..."

If the harassment continues after the employee has confronted the individual, they may want to provide him or her with a written statement of the situation. Include specific details of the behaviours considered to be harassing, a request to the harasser to stop and the employee's expectations that he or she will stop. Provide details of the next steps planned if the harassment does not stop, i.e. filing a formal complaint. The employee should keep a copy of this statement for themselves. It helps if employees keep a record of any incident(s) that they experience. This includes when the harassment started, what happened, whether there were any witnesses and the employee's response.

If an employee believes that someone who is not a member of the Douro-Dummer Public Library, i.e. a patron, supplier, etc., has harassed or discriminated against them, please report the harassment to the supervisor or CEO. Although the Douro-Dummer Public Library has limited control over third parties, the Library will do its best to address the issue and prevent further problems from arising.

#### Formal procedure

If the complaint cannot be resolved informally or if it is too serious to handle on an informal basis, a formal complaint may be brought to the CEO. The Douro-Dummer Public Library Board will be made aware of any formal complaints, either at the next scheduled library board meeting or at an emergency board meeting called specifically to discuss the complaint, depending on the severity of the complaint. If the issue to be resolved involves the CEO, a formal complaint may be made directly to the Library Board Chairperson.

If a formal complaint is made, as much written information as possible will be needed, including the name of the person believed to be causing the harassment, the place, date and time of the incident(s), and the names of any possible witnesses. A copy of the Workplace Respect Complaint form is available from the CEO. It is important that the CEO and/or Library Board receive any complaint as soon as possible so that the problem does not escalate or happen again. Once a complaint has been received, the CEO and/or the Library Board will initiate a formal investigation, if it is necessary and appropriate to do so.

Discrimination and harassment are serious matters. Therefore, if deciding not to make a formal complaint, the CEO and/or the Library Board may still need to investigate the matter and take steps to prevent further harassment. For example, an investigation may need to be continued if the allegations are serious or if there have been previous complaints or incidents involving the respondent. Please note that it is not the policy of the Douro-Dummer Public Library to investigate anonymous complaints unless there are extenuating circumstances.

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### Investigation procedure

The CEO and/or Library Board will commence an investigation as quickly as possible. Depending on the nature of the complaint, either an internal or external investigator may be used. The investigation will include:

- Interviewing the complainant and respondent to ascertain all of the facts and circumstances relevant to the complaint, including dates and locations
- Interviewing witnesses, if any
- Reviewing any related documentation
- Making detailed notes of the investigation and maintaining them in a confidential file

Once the investigation is complete, the investigator(s) will prepare a detailed report of the findings to the Library Board. A summary of the findings will also be provided to the complainant and the respondent.

It is the goal of the Douro-Dummer Public Library to complete any investigation and communicate the result to the complainant and respondent within thirty days after receiving a complaint, where possible.

#### **Corrective action**

The Library Board will determine what action should be taken as a result of the investigation. The Board will inform the complainant and respondent of the results of the investigation and whether (but not necessarily what) corrective measures were taken, if any were necessary. If a finding of harassment is made, the Library Board will take appropriate corrective measures, regardless of the respondent's seniority or position with the Douro-Dummer Public Library. Corrective measures may include one or more of the following:

- Discipline, such as a verbal warning, written warning or suspension without pay
- Termination with or without cause
- Referral for counseling (sensitivity training), anger management training, supervisory skills training or attendance at educational programs on workplace respect
- A demotion or denial of a promotion
- Reassignment or transfer
- Financial penalties such as the denial of a bonus or performance-related salary increase
- Any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate under the circumstances

If there is not enough evidence to substantiate the complaint, corrective measures will not be taken.

If a complaint is made in good faith and without malice, regardless of the outcome of the investigation, the employee who made the complaint will not be subject to any form of discipline. The Douro-Dummer Public Library will, however, discipline or terminate anyone who brings a false and malicious complaint.

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#### Procedure for resolving and investigating workplace violence

An employee has the right to refuse work if workplace violence is likely to endanger them. In that instance, the employee should immediately contact their supervisor, at which point appropriate measures will be taken to protect the employee and investigate the situation. The employee will be moved to a safe place as near as reasonably possible to their normal work station and will need to be available for the purposes of investigating the incident. In some circumstances, the employee may be provided with reasonable alternative work during normal working hours.

In appropriate circumstances, the Douro-Dummer Public Library may contact the police, or other emergency responders as appropriate, to assist, intervene or investigate workplace violence. Details about the measures and procedures for summoning immediate assistance will be provided and may include:

- Equipment to summon assistance such as fixed or personal alarms, locator or tracking systems, phones, cell phones, etc.
- Emergency telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses
- Emergency procedures

Provided the situation is dealt with quickly and the danger to workers is removed, the necessity of work refusal may be alleviated.

#### Investigation procedure

Employees are required to report the existence of any workplace violence or threat of workplace violence to their supervisor or the CEO, who will report to the Library Board. The Board will commence an investigation as quickly as possible. The Board may choose to use either an internal or external investigator, depending on the nature of the incident. The investigation will include:

- Conducting interviews of relevant individuals to ascertain all of the facts and circumstances relevant to the complaint, including dates and locations
- Reviewing any related documentation
- Making detailed notes of the investigation and maintaining them in a confidential file

Once the investigation is complete, the investigator(s) will prepare a detailed report of the findings. A copy of the report will be provided to the Library Board.

#### **Corrective action**

The Library Board will determine what action should be taken as a result of the investigation. If a finding of workplace violence is made, the Douro-Dummer Public Library will take appropriate corrective measures, regardless of the respondent's seniority or position in the Library. Corrective measures may include one or more of the following:

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- Termination with or without cause
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#### Procedures for addressing domestic violence

If an employee is experiencing domestic violence that would expose them to physical injury in the workplace or if they are experiencing workplace violence or believe that workplace violence is likely to occur, they may seek immediate assistance by contacting the CEO. The CEO will assist in preventing and responding to the situation and may, in certain circumstances, notify other authorities.

### Confidentiality of complaints and investigations

The Douro-Dummer Public Library recognizes the sensitive nature of harassment and violence complaints and will keep all complaints confidential, to the extent that the Library is able to do so. The Library will only release as much information as is necessary to investigate and respond to the complaint or situation or if required to do so by law.

Out of respect for the relevant individuals, it is essential that the complainant, respondent, witnesses and anyone else involved in the formal investigation of a complaint maintain confidentiality throughout the investigation and afterwards.

#### **Protection from retaliation**

The Douro-Dummer Public Library will not tolerate retaliations, taunts or threats against anyone who complains about harassment or takes part in an investigation. Any person who taunts, retaliates against or threatens anyone in relation to a harassment or violence complaint may be disciplined or terminated.

	TOWNSHIP OF DOURO-DUMMER							
	Library - 1640							
			OPERATING &	CAPITAL				
			Sunday, March	31, 2024				
	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	REMAINING	REMAINING	
	Budget	Annual Actual	YTD Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	Budget (\$)	Budget (%)	
Expenses								
Salaries & Wages:								
00-16-1640-1001 OP-RC-LB-Wages PT	84,257.99	80,300.68	16,441.59	90,801.65	19,496.04	71,305.61	78.50%	
00-16-1640-1101 OP-RC-LB-Vacation Pay PT	3,370.32	3,492.58	785.8	3,583.67	880.51	2,703.16	75.40%	
00-16-1640-1201 OP-RC-LB-Stat Pay PT	3,370.32	3,232.01	1,379.34	3,583.67	1,385.66	2,198.01	61.30%	
00-16-1640-2001 OP-RC-LB-CPP PT	4,180.35	4,243.84	956.53	4,705.95	1,084.58	3,621.37	77.00%	
00-16-1640-2051 OP-RC-LB-EI PT	1,863.79	2,007.22	459.03	1,981.77	505.69	1,476.08	74.50%	
00-16-1640-2101 OP-RC-LB-EHT PT	1,643.03	1,715.16	392.25	1,747.04	424.34	1,322.70	75.70%	
00-16-1640-2201 OP-RC-LB-WSIB PT	2,527.74	2,876.40	657.83	2,687.75	744.28	1,943.47	72.30%	
00-16-1640-2301 OP-RC-LB-OMERS PT	6,017.00	6,303.40	1,230.97	6,757.21	1,753.79	5,003.42	74.00%	
Total Salaries & Wages	107,230.54	104,171.29	22,303.34	115,848.71	26,274.89	89,573.82	77.30%	
Mileage & Travel:								
00-16-1640-2500 OP-RC-LB-Travel Mileage	260	240.44	0	260	28.37	231.63	89.10%	
00-16-1640-2601 OP-RC-LB-Membership Fees	500	681.05	375	600	225	375	62.50%	
00-16-1640-2602 OP-RC-LB-Conference Expense	1,530.00	971.67	140.95	1,530.00	153.5	1,376.50	90.00%	
00-16-1640-2603 OP-RC-LB-Training	700	254.4	0	700	0	700	100.00%	
Total Mileage & Travel	2,990.00	2,147.56	515.95	3,090.00	406.87	2,683.13	86.80%	
Other Expenses:								
00-16-1640-5340 OP-RC-LB-TCA UT Bldg Imp	2,200.00	2,054.52	0	2,200.00	1,246.56	953.44	43.30%	
00-16-1640-5360 OP-RC-LB-TCA UT Equip	500	0	0	500	358.45	141.55	28.30%	
00-16-1640-5370 OP-RC-LB-TCA UT CompHw	1,500.00	1,846.74	0	1,500.00	993.16	506.84	33.80%	

Total Other Expenses	4,200,00	3,901.26	0	4,200.00	2,598.17	1,601.83	38.10%
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Contracted Services:				<u>'</u>		<u>'</u>	
00-16-1640-3100 OP-RC-LB-Heat	3,600.00	2,957.71	116.37	3,600.00	1,306.45	2,293.55	63.70%
00-16-1640-3110 OP-RC-LB-Hydro	4,000.00	6,660.07	2,199.61	6,000.00	2,200.95	3,799.05	63.30%
00-16-1640-3220 OP-RC-LB-Security	350	174.43	75.8	350	0	350	100.00%
00-16-1640-3300 OP-RC-LB-Telephones	1,000.00	1,228.58	360.21	1,000.00	287.38	712.62	71.30%
00-16-1640-3320 OP-RC-LB-Internet Service	1,000.00	1,334.53	77.22	1,000.00	307.9	692.1	69.20%
00-16-1640-3400 OP-RC-LB-Insurance	3,156.48	3,758.42	3,758.42	4,319.55	4,629.96	-310.41	-7.20%
00-16-1640-3500 OP-RC-LB-Licensing	4,000.00	6,000.68	1,585.64	4,000.00	1,415.06	2,584.94	64.60%
00-16-1640-3900 OP-RC-LB-Other Contracts	600	259.4	40.7	600	0	600	100.00%
00-16-1640-3800 OP-RC-LB-Audit Fees	1,100.00	0	0	1,100.00	0	1,100.00	100.00%
Total Contracted Services	18,806.48	22,373.82	8,213.97	21,969.55	10,147.70	11,821.85	53.80%
Material & Supplies:							
00-16-1640-4100 OP-RC-LB-Paper Supplies	250	43.73	11.18	250	0	250	100.00%
00-16-1640-4110 OP-RC-LB-Office Supplies	325	182.64	0	325	26.35	298.65	91.90%
00-16-1640-4111 OP-RC-LB-Cleaning Supplies	250	141.05	77.86	250	0	250	100.00%
00-16-1640-4113 OP-RC-LB-Computer Supplies	110	15.24	0	110	0	110	100.00%
00-16-1640-4117 OP-RC-LB-Health & Safety Sup	450	351.98	318.49	450	122.62	327.38	72.80%
00-16-1640-4118 OP-RC-LB-Supplies	325	505.32	0	325	73	252	77.50%
00-16-1640-4119 OP-RC-LB-Printer Supplies	600	393.81	80.39	600	343.95	256.05	42.70%
00-16-1640-4210 OP-RC-LB-Postage	325	225.44	25.29	325	130.26	194.74	59.90%
00-16-1640-4300 OP-RC-LB-Advertising	510	66	0	510	321.49	188.51	37.00%
00-16-1640-4410 OP-RC-LB-Subscriptions	1,530.00	1,281.99	2,033.16	1,530.00	1,042.01	487.99	31.90%
00-16-1640-4430 OP-RC-LB-Films/Videos	750	850	850	850	850	0	0
00-16-1640-4600 OP-RC-LB-Materials	100	560.23	0	100	0	100	100.00%
00-16-1640-4700 OP-RC-LB-Hospitality	50	37.21	0	50	19.75	30.25	60.50%
00-16-1640-4710 OP-RC-LB-Special Events	125	92.87	0	125	0	125	100.00%
00-16-1640-4711 OP-RC-LB-Programs	1,100.00	911.19	188.54	1,100.00	288.21	811.79	73.80%

00-16-1640-4720 OP-RC-LB-Promotional	100	70.1	0	100	0	100	100.00%
Total Material & Supplies	6,900.00	5,728.80	3,584.91	7,000.00	3,217.64	3,782.36	54.00%
Repairs & Maintenance:							
00-16-1640-5121 OP-RC-LB-Grounds Maintenance	500	165.06	573.5	500	0	500	100.00%
00-16-1640-5130 OP-RC-LB-Maint Bldg	2,500.00	1,385.77	7.43	2,500.00	183.17	2,316.83	92.70%
00-16-1640-5131 OP-RC-LB-Cleaning	0	923.44	923.44	0	0	0	0
00-16-1640-5162 OP-RC-LB-Fire Extinguisher Ma	50	152.49	0	50	0	50	100.00%
00-16-1640-5170 OP-RC-LB-Maint CompHw	1,000.00	1,101.58	426.71	1,000.00	0	1,000.00	100.00%
00-16-1640-5180 OP-RC-LB-Maint CompSw	1,500.00	724.82	20.34	1,600.00	66.12	1,533.88	95.90%
00-16-1640-5198 OP-RC-LB-Internal Rentals	204	73.37	0	204	0	204	100.00%
00-16-1640-5160 OP-RC-LB-Maint Equip	250	0	0	250	0	250	100.00%
Total Repairs & Maintenance	6,004.00	4,526.53	1,951.42	6,104.00	249.29	5,854.71	95.90%
Minor Capital:							
00-16-1640-5340 OP-RC-LB-TCA UT Bldg Imp	2,200.00	2,054.52	0	2,200.00	1,246.56	953.44	43.30%
00-16-1640-5360 OP-RC-LB-TCA UT Equip	500	0	0	500	358.45	141.55	28.30%
00-16-1640-5370 OP-RC-LB-TCA UT CompHw	1,500.00	1,846.74	0	1,500.00	993.16	506.84	33.80%
Total Minor Capital	4,200.00	3,901.26	0	4,200.00	2,598.17	1,601.83	38.10%
Other Expenses:							
00-16-1640-7100 OP-RC-LB-Interest	10	29	0	10	0	10	100.00%
00-16-1640-7010 OP-RC-LB-Financial Fees	20	0	0	20	0	20	100.00%
Total Other Expenses	30	29	0	30	0	30	100.00%
Investments in TCA:							
05-16-1640-0341 BS-RC-LB-WIP Bldg Imp	0	23,933.97	0	0	0	0	0
05-16-1640-0361 BS-RC-LB-WIP Books	0	13,076.18	2,218.46	0	2,012.62	-2,012.62	0

05-16-1640-0340 BS-RC-LB-TCA Bldg Imp	26,100.00	0	0	10,500.00	0	10,500.00	100.00%
05-16-1640-0360 BS-RC-LB-TCA Books/Equip	14,000.00	0	0	14,154.00	0	14,154.00	100.00%
Total Investments in TCA	40,100.00	37,010.15	2,218.46	24,654.00	2,012.62	22,641.38	91.80%
Total Expenses	190,461.02	183,789.67	38,788.05	187,096.26	47,505.35	139,590.91	74.60%
Revenues							
Grants:							
00-16-1640-8020 OP-RC-LB-Grants-Provincial	-14,000.00	1,117.00	0	-14,000.00	0	-14,000.00	100.00%
Total Grants	-14,000.00	1,117.00	0	-14,000.00	0	-14,000.00	100.00%
Permits & Fees:							
00-16-1640-8180 OP-RC-LB-Infractions	-408	-174	0	-408	0	-408	100.00%
Total Permits & Fees	-408	-174	0	-408	0	-408	100.00%
Sales Revenue:							
00-16-1640-8325 OP-RC-LB-Sales Photocopies	-156.06	-83.9	0	-156.06	-11.4	-144.66	92.70%
00-16-1640-8320 OP-RC-LB-Sales	-26.01	0	0	-26.01	0	-26.01	100.00%
Total Sales Revenue	-182.07	-83.9	0	-182.07	-11.4	-170.67	93.70%
Other Revenue:							
00-16-1640-8430 OP-RC-LB-Programs	-75	-20	0	-75	0	-75	100.00%
00-16-1640-8880 OP-RC-LB-Other Revenues	-26.01	-60.25	0	-26.01	0	-26.01	100.00%
00-16-1640-8900 OP-RC-LB-Donations	-280.5	-281.85	0	-280.5	-10	-270.5	96.40%
00-16-1640-8890 OP-RC-LB-Fund Raising	-104.04	0	0	-104.04	0	-104.04	100.00%
Total Other Revenue	-485.55	-362.1	0	-485.55	-10	-475.55	97.90%
Total Revenues	-15,075.62	497	0	-15,075.62	-21.4	-15,054.22	99.90%

Funding							
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Transfer From Reserves and Reserve Funds:							
05-16-1640-0970 BS-RC-LB-Transfer from Reserve	-26,100.00	0	0	-8,000.00	0	-8,000.00	100.00%
Total Transfer From Reserves and Reserve Funds	-26,100.00	0	0	-8,000.00	0	-8,000.00	100.00%
Transfer to Reserves:							
05-16-1640-0951 BS-RC-LB-Transfer to Develop	0	-127.98	-127.98	0	0	0	0
Total Transfer to Reserves	0	-127.98	-127.98	0	0	0	0
Total Funding	-26,100.00	-127.98	-127.98	-8,000.00	0	-8,000.00	100.00%
Total Expenses	190,461.02	183,789.67	38,788.05	187,096.26	47,505.35	139,590.91	74.60%
Total Revenue & Funding	-41,175.62	369.02	-127.98	-23,075.62	-21.4	-23,054.22	99.90%
NET	149,285.40	184,158.69	38,660.07	164,020.64	47,483.95	116,536.69	71.10%

**Report to:** Douro-Dummer Public Library Board **Subject:** Monthly Report – Month of March 2024

From: Maggie Pearson, CEO

Dated: April 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024	March 2023
Books	673	537	698	700
Literacy Kits	1	0	3	1
Book and CD (Jkit)	1	0	1	1
Audiobooks	0	1	3	1
DVDs	25	18	26	34
InterLibrary Loans	32	21	28	22
Magazines	2	13	22	11
Public Computer Usage	27	47	41	17
Total Resource Usage (no e-resources)	761	637	822	787
Total E-Book usage	533	513	514	557
Total resource usage	1294	1150	1336	1344
Volunteer hours	17	10	11	19
Outreach Contacts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Library Visits in Person	269	228	262	287
Overdrive users	98	104	109	86
Program Attendance	143	157	161	193
New Library Patrons	22	17	9	9
Library Engagement	532	506	552	594

# **Ongoing Programming:**

Weekly/ monthly: Class Visits, Italian Conversation Club, Crafternoon, Intergenerational Games Night, PNLP monthly drop in one-on-one tech help

# **Upcoming Programming:**

Weekend LEGO Drop-in, Friends of the Library Speaker Series (Fascinating Fungi), Launch of David Goyette's Art show **Volunteers' projects this month:** Youth volunteers continue to help facilitate Games Night by learning and teaching game rules and participating with program attendees; shelving and shelf reading.

# Upcoming holiday hours and staff holidays:

No service disruptions or staff holidays in April



Report to: Library Board From: Maggie Pearson Date: April 4, 2024

# Synopsis of Report: Monthly Update on Operations and Projects

- Created and advertised job posting for staff vacancy; together with Board members held four interviews of candidates for the Library Assistant position. Following reference checks, extended offer of employment to San Williamson which was accepted.
- Compiling training and onboarding package for new staff member; editing and updating circulation and services procedure manuals; managing staff training, schedules, and work plans.
- An occasional leak in the foyer of the library building became more frequent and severe with the spring rains and snow melt. Scheduled a service call as well as a full roof inspection. Currently in the process of collecting quotes from roofing contractors, in preparation of drafting a report together with the acting CAO, in accordance with our Memorandum of Understanding with the Twp., to address the issue ASAP
- Compiling data submission for the Annual Survey of Public Libraries upon which the annual Public Library Operating Grant is contingent
- Drafting final report for Seniors Community Grant
- Coordinated garden workplan with the library gardener, including children's programming on planting and gardening to be run this summer
- Coordinating art show launch (Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>) for spring show (Artist David Goyette). Following a long hiatus from holding art show openings, we will begin offering the option to artists who hang shows in the gallery, to be held during library open hours
- Beginning search for new cleaner, as our current cleaner has given notice they will no longer provide the service past June 2024 at the latest