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Director

### A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

At the WFL, we believe the library is the heart of our community. This has never been more true than during this time of uncertainty. We have worked to be there for you every day (and night)! From Facebook Live story-times with Rainbow Emma (pictured above, with her super-cute sidekick Stellan) to Zoom book clubs and YouTube tech classes, our library responded for you.

Although the WFL closed its physical doors in March, we remained open for our patrons by immediately pivoting to all-digital services.

Librarians provided help via email and live chat. We swiftly ordered thousands of new digital materials and subscribed to more streaming services. To keep all ages connected, informed and entertained, we refreshed the website, emailed reading recommendations, produced video tutorials, and instituted curbside library service. We safely reopened in stages and look forward to getting back to full operation for our community as soon as possible.

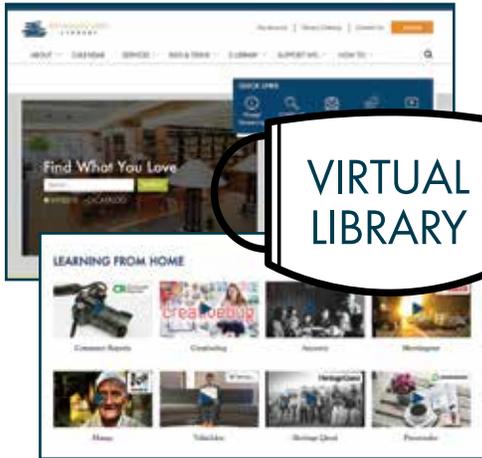
The pandemic has brought a battery of ever-changing information and protocols, yet the mission of our Library continues unchanged. Resiliency, creativity, flexibility and kindness are the characteristics we have mastered during this unprecedented time. As an institution and a community, we will emerge undaunted, using what we have learned to usher us into a hopeful future.

# MAKING THE CONNECTION

## REPORT to the COMMUNITY 2020

# UNEXPECTED NEW

# LIFE CHANGED &



VIRTUAL LIBRARY

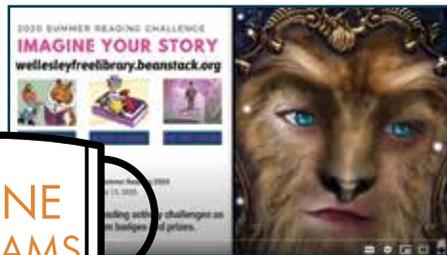


LIVE CHAT

Thank you so much for offering these informative and uplifting job resource meetings. In this unprecedented time it has been inspiring and valuable to have this resource and connection with others who are also in the midst of a job search. It has been extremely helpful. You are a great library.

*Sincerely, Karen Maini  
Online Workshop Attendee*

ONLINE PROGRAMS



I am so impressed at how quickly the library has responded to the Community during this Pandemic! The number of creative online programs, events and suggestions has just been amazing. How did you think of them all so quickly? I just saw the recent email for the Children's Dept @home and realize how grateful parents must be for that. *Stay well, Dottie Laughlin, Wellesley Resident*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

In these very challenging times, the Administration and Staff of the Wellesley Free Library have done an extraordinary job maintaining old connections and introducing new remote and digital options, keeping the Library a constant personal and family resource for connecting to learning, pleasure and culture for our community. The Trustees are very proud of these efforts and judging by feedback sent to us, our patrons agree. The WFL will continue to be here for you as we make our way in the coming months, looking forward to the time when we are together in person once again.



Marla Robinson, Diane Savage, Ann-Mara Lanza  
Ann Howley, Ann Rappaport, Maura Murphy

*Marla Robinson, Chair*

## SPECIAL THANKS

The **WFL Foundation (WFLF)** and the **Friends of the WFL** provided critical funds that allowed the Library to react quickly and provide the enhancements needed during these difficult times. The WFLF funded website revisions and multiple digital resources, while the Friends sponsored online programs. Both groups also contributed to Wellesley's Mobile Movie Nights. This generous support was over and above. **Thank You!**

# CONNECTIONS



## The Wellesley Free Library Did Too

I wanted to let you know that I sent our son in South Africa the link to the sensory story time. Our 3 year old granddaughter loved it. Perfect timing for a post dinner activity there!

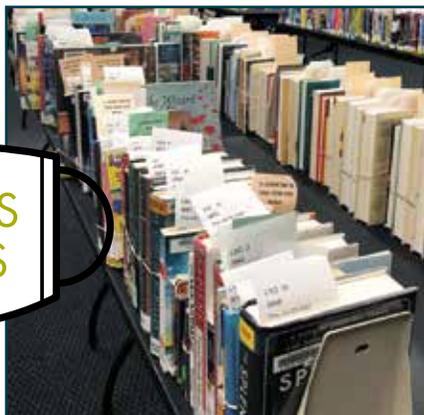
*Mary Kloppenberg, WFL Foundation Director*



CURBSIDE PICKUP



PHASED REOPENING



EXPRESS HOLDS

I am so pleased and astounded by all the wonderful work you are doing for everyone in Wellesley during this lockdown period. I consider myself a pretty savvy library user but have just discovered RBDigital courtesy of this email and am so excited to be able to read The New Yorker (and many other magazines) online. I also want to send a shout out to Deb Berenbaum and the wonderful Friday Morning Book Group which continues to operate via Zoom. As always I am a very grateful library patron.

*Best, Pam Stirrat, Wellesley Resident*



COMFORTABLE COMMONS AREA



ADDITIONAL MEETING ROOMS



UPDATED CHILDRENS ROOM



## LOOKING FORWARD

### *Getting Back Together, Getting Back to Business*

Plans are underway for transforming the Main Library to better meet the needs, enhance the experience and enrich the lives of the Wellesley community. A Commons Room (Bring Your Own Coffee), 9 new meeting rooms, a wonderful Children's Room and more space to browse best-sellers will all elevate the exceptional library services that place WFL at the heart of the community. To support this public/private partnership, please consider donating to the Wellesley Free Library Foundation's Capital Campaign: [www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org/wfl-foundation](http://www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org/wfl-foundation).

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## OUR MISSION

The WFL mission is to serve as a community gathering place, a cultural destination, and a gateway to ideas for residents of all ages and interests. Through books, media, technology, and innovative programs, the Wellesley Free Library provides free and convenient access to information both within and beyond our walls.

# STAY CONNECTED TO THE THINGS YOU LOVE

Our website [www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org](http://www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org) is open 24 hours per day/7 days a week



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