

Fletcher Free Library

To: Library Commission
From: Robert Coleburn
Date: 09/12/16
RE: Director's Report

1. Staffing:

- Rubi Simon and Toni Taginiski (Circulation Chief) have left the City's employ.
- Robert Coleburn has been appointed as Interim Library Director as of September 2nd.
- Emer P. Feeney has been appointed as Interim Circulation Supervisor as of September 1st.
- Barbara Shatara has returned from being away on medical leave and has resumed her position in overseeing adult programming and events.

2. Recruitment process for new director is underway.

3. Rebrand of the FFL has been completed and rollout will be incorporated with strategic plan.

4. Fletcher Free Smithsonian travelling exhibition project update: In October 2016, two educator workshops for Vermont teachers will be offered by Professor Deborah Blom of the University of Vermont and Professor Paul Constantino at Saint Michael's College in cooperation with NMNH scientists. In February 2017, during the exhibition, Dr. Briana Pobiner and Dr. Connie Bertka from the Smithsonian will provide a half-day educator workshop. The trainings will provide resources for incorporating aspects of the exhibit into middle and high school science, social science and arts curriculums. The FFL is leading the creation of related social media project that is being developed by Champlain College's Emergent Media Center for teachers to help engage their students in learning and provide a platform for sharing content inspired by the exhibit.

5. Upcoming JFK speaker event will be taking place at the library on Sunday, November 13th. Key speaker will be Robert K. Tanenbaum.

6. Lighting in youth shelving areas has been improved and replaced. Desk area lighting is still in process.