

**Truro Public Library**  
**Director's Report**  
**March 31, 2020**  
**FY2020**

**Statistics:** To be sent at a later date.

**Financial Report:** To be sent at a later date.

**Collection Development:** No issues, very little performed.

**Building Status:** DPW staff has been spending a great deal of time in our building, cleaning and sanitizing. The carpet in the Children's Room has been cleaned.

**Staff:** Our super staff is exhibiting their extraordinary resilience during this time of disruption. I cannot say enough about their abilities.

Town Manager Rae Ann Palmer has assured everyone that so far there have been no discussions to furlough any employees. Library staff is fully aware of how fortunate we are to stay employed during this uncertain process. Staff has continued to hold virtual staff meetings twice a week, and they have continued to do what they can from their homes.

As of April 10, staff was been cleared to be in the building, but we are limited to one person at a time. Staff has devised a tentative schedule to organize who will come in when.

**Activities/News:**

As you know the coronavirus has suspended life as we know it, and the library is no exception. The library closed to the public on March 13. For a few days we designed a safe system to allow for curbside pickup of materials, but on March 17 Governor Charlie Baker advised that all workers work from home, except those classified as essential.

Our Optima book delivery was suspended on March 10. UPS, Fedex, and WB Mason orders were still arriving for a while, but have dropped off.

All Department Heads were instructed to stop all budget spending however Rae Ann has lifted that restriction to allow us to continue purchasing e-books and audiobooks.

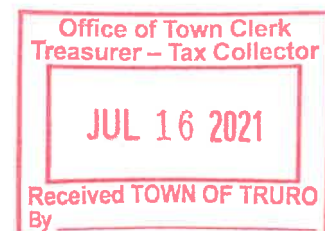
CLAMS has stopped the accumulation of fines and the expiration of holds for at least one month.

I volunteered to be part of a committee of department heads charged with planning the resumption of work. I am communicating with the other Outer Cape library directors also, so that we co-ordinate our plans.

My biggest concern at the moment is library operations going forward. Almost all our customary workflows will need to adjust to our new circumstances. Wise counsel from Library Trustees on summer programming will be most welcome. Libraries have been running the gamut from making no changes to their usual programming to cancelling all programs for the time being. A middle path for us may lie in limiting the number of program attendees or hosting outdoor events (yoga, gardening, outdoor movies, etc.) instead of our usual routine of attempt to attract as many people as possible to the library. I am looking forward to discussing this with the Board when we meet in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Ford  
Library Director



### **2019 Meeting Room Exhibits:**

January – Local Artist Mix

February – Children's Community Garden

March – Truro Central School

April – *cancelled*

May – Lucy Clark

June – Neva Hansen – Mid-Century Art

July – The Truro Group

August – Martin Desht – A Certain Peace: Northern Ireland

September – Peter Chepus

October – Ewa Nogiac

November – Visual Artist Collective

December – Available

### **Upcoming presentations and activities:**

**All activities are temporarily suspended**

Children's Play Group

Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. (last session May 6, will resume in October)

Children's Story Hour

Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Children's Saturday Programs

(see Footnotes/Website)

Book Groups

Truro Library Book Group (last Wednesdays)  
Next Chapter Book Group (Tuesday afternoons)

Events

(see Footnotes/Website)