

# CIRCULATION

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## Catching Up —

### Hello from the Other Side

A grandfather clock stands guard against an exposed brick wall. Five gray tables with blue and green chairs are arranged on a blue carpet. Beige metal carts hold biographies and graphic novels. Baskets display books for early readers on subjects as varied as sharks, LEGOs, and Spider-Man. A rotating wood magazine rack with issues of



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*Boy's Life*, *National Geographic +Kids*, and *Sports Illustrated Kids*.

The library is different, but the librarian is a familiar face: Ms. Stephanie Loiselle, who departed the Wilton Public Library in September 2017, transitioning to her new role as Elementary Technology/Media Generalist Teacher at Florence Rideout Elementary School (FRES).

Her library is on the school's third floor and is open for students to come in and exchange their books. During bi-weekly library class, Ms. Stephanie offers storytimes in a well-lit alcove as well as lessons in library skills, such as searching the catalog, finding books on the shelves, and learning the Dewey Decimal system.

"I do miss programming and special events," Ms. Stephanie admits. "I also miss seeing the kids with their families. And I miss seeing their young siblings, the Pine Hill kids, and the homeschoolers."

"Oh, and my co-workers of

course," she adds with a smirk.

Sporting a stylish and short haircut, Ms. Stephanie helps the first-graders navigate the shelves and operate the barcode scanner at the desk. The first graders have recently learned how to check out their own books. They grip the scanner in their little hands, aim the red laser at the barcode, and check out books with a satisfying beep.

Please pick up next month's issue of *Circulation* to read about the

technology side of Ms. Stephanie's position.

— Chance Lee Joyner

## Q & Art —

### Dark Flight Designs

This month's featured artist is Jay Jackson, an airbrush artist who creates realistic and surreal images of people, animals, and objects.

An automotive painter by trade, Jackson's artwork, including two glossy hot-rod-inspired bowling pins on display, is often influenced by cars.

Jackson's Dark Flight Designs is located in Wilton's Riverview Mill. "A lot of my art not on display at the library has a menacing feel to it. So that is the dark side," Jackson says about the name. "We moved to New

Hampshire last year from Texas, and I really like painting animals and nature, so it's a symbol of nature as well as flying away to a new beginning or adventure."

His favorite piece on display is the painting with the flower, skull, and candle. He painted it for his wife the first year they dated. The images symbolize his "light in the darkness" during a tough time. "She made me feel again." When asked where his art will go next, Jackson says, "The sky is the limit."

Jackson's artwork will be featured in Wilton's Riverwalk Park. His heron design was inspired by the real birds that fly up and down the river. "Me and my wife actually chased down the heron in our kayaks!"

— Chance Lee Joyner

## The Directive —

### Smart Space Becoming Reality

We are happy to announce that a Smart Space will soon be part of the library. A year ago, we were chosen as one of 15 libraries nationwide to be part of the Small Libraries Create Smart Spaces grant initiative of WebJunction. We asked for input and found that Wilton needs family friendly activities, an outdoor community gathering spot, and a place for art and music to be created and experienced. We planned our Smart Space to fill these needs.

The grassy area between the library and the Masonic Hall is our Smart Space. It will have a staircase for access from parking lot, lighting, (con'd on back)



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## Staff Spotlight — Turning a New Page

Leah Stutzman has touched every book in the library.

Ms. Stutzman, the library's new page, began volunteering in August 2017. Her task: to inventory the library's collection armed with a Google Chromebook and a handheld scanner. She scanned books upstairs and down, fiction and non-fiction.

Ms. Stutzman, sixteen, needed twenty volunteer hours for National Art Honor Society. "I decided to stop counting after 70," she said. Ms. Stutzman did twice that many hours, logging 147 and one quarter hours. In addition to inventory, she helped with craft preparation, created Halloween decorations for the library, and served snacks during the library's blockbuster eclipse party.

After the departure of former page Aiyana Vergo, Ms. Stutzman was offered the position of page. She began in December. "I have a little bit more responsibility," she said. "I definitely have to talk to people more than I did when I was a volunteer. And," she smiled, "I get paid."

Outside of the library, Ms. Stutzman is a high school junior. She runs tech for her high school drama shows — doing the lights, sound, and "everything to make sure people going on stage are ready," she explained.

Ms. Stutzman also enjoys video games. Around her neck she wore a replica of the Zora Sapphire, an artifact from *The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time*. In December, Ms. Stutzman earned second place in the library's Mario Kart 8 tournament. She defeated Ms. Michelle's son, Vincent, in the first round. "I still have some of the candy," she bragged about her prize.

Her main goal for the future is to

attend college, but her major is still undecided. "I have no idea," she admitted. "That is the million-dollar question."

On their website, the American Library Association exclaims, "It is not unusual to hear that many library leaders started out as a page sometime early in their career!" Perhaps another 147 and one quarter hours at the library are in store for Ms. Stutzman, or even more.

— Chance Lee Joyner

## Storytime Tales —

### World Read Aloud Day

To celebrate World Read Aloud Day, Thursday February 2, Mr. Chance visited Ms. Stephanie's first-grade library classes at FRES. "I know you from the library!" many kids exclaimed.

Mr. Chance brought the book *Max's Words* written by Kate Banks and illustrated by Boris Kulikov.

"Who would name their kid Boris?" as round-faced boy inquired.

"A Russian mother," explained Mr. Chance.

The kids enjoyed *Max's Words*, a book about a young boy who collects words to

make his own story. After the story, the kids played a word game with Mr. Chance and Ms. Stephanie. "Do you know what a noun is?" Mr. Chance asked.

"A person, thing, or place," said a blonde girl.

Each child wrote a noun on a slip of paper and tucked it into a box. Mr. Chance and Ms. Stephanie told a silly story, drawing nouns at random. "I was walking to FRES this morning and I saw..." Mr. Chance reached into the box and read a slip of paper. "An alligator! It was on a leash."

The story also featured Spider-

Man swooping into the principal's office searching for a lost balloon, a dog eating pancakes, and the Super Bowl halftime show.

Anyone can play this game. All you need are slips of paper, a writing utensil, and an imagination.

— Chance Lee Joyner



## The Directive

### Smart Space (con'd from front)

seating, an outdoor drum set and keyboard, a raised garden bed, and a story walk, with installation to be completed this spring. The library will use it as an outdoor classroom, a venue for concerts, art and music experiences, Build-It days, participatory gardening, and game days. Local non-profit groups are encouraged to book the space for gatherings, art shows, performances and more. In addition, with the outdoor musical instruments, 24-7 Wi-Fi, and seating, it can be used as a play place for families as well.

The Smart Space Grand Opening is planned for Saturday, May 19. It will include a pot-luck supper, and Kevin Gardner speaking on Stone Walls through a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council and sponsored by the Friends of the Wilton Library.

We are grateful to the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences, who funded the grant through OCLC/WebJunction; to the volunteers participating in its realization, Don Rankin and Jacob Manning; and to all citizens of Wilton who helped us imagine a new and exciting space at the library.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

— Pat Fickett, Library Director

If you or your child would like to contribute writing, poetry, artwork, puzzles, crafts, games, book reviews, and/or community news, please contact Mr. Chance. You might see your work here and in the full-color e-edition of *Circulation* online.