2021 July Newsletter

Hello, Chase Library patrons and friends!  We are happy to welcome you back into the library for browsing!!  As of June 15, Chase has returned to its normal open hours:

Tuesday 10 - 4

Saturday 10 - 2

You are invited to come into the library to choose your own reading material, or you may continue to call the library to request books for curbside pickup during open hours.

Patrons and friends planning to use the library should plan to wear a mask if not yet fully vaccinated.  We have staff members with vulnerabilities and we wish them to remain safe until the pandemic is completely over.  Thank you for understanding.

Check the website ([chase-library.com](http://chase-library.com/)) for the newly received books.  Click on the year 2021 in the website’s banner.  There are pictures of the books; scroll down to read a snippet from its review.  There are so many good reads in the mix and topics that are varied:  thriller, mystery, love and redemption, summer beach reads, historical fiction.  We receive books weekly so keep checking back!

Thanks to those of you who attended our recent Open House!  It was a perfect day to host the event outside.  Our wholehearted gratitude goes to Duncan Berry for highlighting and sharing information on the many generations of the Chase family in West Harwich!  There remains so much for us to learn about the exceptional generational families of our Village.

Now that the heat of the summer has arrived, we thought you might be interested in knowing that the library has an HVAC system in both the front and back rooms.  Whereas before we were stuffy, we are now cool and comfortable.  If you have an activity, or a program idea, or a meeting space need please contact the library and we can discuss options.  Or you can simply come in and sit in the back room to read in comfort!

And when you visit, you might notice that the front of the library has had a facelift! Thanks to a Community Preservation Committee grant, our front door has been completely restored, and grants from the 1772 Foundation and Preservation Massachusetts allowed for repainting and restoration of the library’s exterior and beautiful original dormer.

We wish we could say our work on the building was done…but in April several leaks were discovered in the roof.  Six spots were patched, but more lasting repairs are needed, as a recent inspection revealed brittle shingles and dark spots on the embossed metal ceiling that might indicate mold.  Though the weather is beautiful now, we need to start planning for the winter.  We’ll be starting a campaign soon to raise the funds necessary for the repairs, and hope we can count on your support!

Hope to see you soon!