FALL TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT
2026

- Library Card Sign-Up Month: September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and library staff made several outreach efforts to encourage residents to get a library card. Staff visited all the back-to-school nights in town and also held a library card sign-up event at LSRHS. Staff also visited several assisted living facilities and participated in the Senior Flu Clinic. These outreach efforts resulted in 140 new library cards, almost double the library's typical monthly total.

- Historical Room: Construction in the Historical Room, which began in early spring, is now complete. The grand reopening is scheduled for November 19. The library has also applied for CPA funding to create a climate controlled archival storage space to house the most fragile and valuable items within the local history collection.

- Children's Room Refresh: Beautiful new, comfortable upholstered chairs have been added to the Children's Room as part of the ongoing refresh project. Installation of additional shelving and new shelving tops is also underway. In addition, new tables and chairs have been ordered for the Story & Craft room. This project is made possible through funding from the Goodnow Library Foundation.

- Find Your People Fair: Goodnow held its first Find Your People Fair on Sunday, September 27, and it was a great success. More than 20 groups and organizations participated with information tables, and over 300 people attended. With loneliness becoming an increasing concern in our communities, the fair offered a wonderful opportunity for people to make connections, discover new interests, and find a sense of community.

- Strategic Plan: The library has begun the process of developing its strategic plan for the next five years. A consultant has been hired to guide the process, and the results will be presented at the May 2027 Trustees meeting. The completed plan will then be submitted to the MBLC by October 1, 2027.

- Celebrating Amy Stimac's First Year as Director: Amy has now completed her first year as Director, and we want to recognize the many projects and initiatives she has taken on during this time. Among her accomplishments are the completion of the Historical Room renovation, the installation of Smart Lockers that allow patrons to pick up library materials 24 hours a day, and the addition of weekly drop-in hours with one of the town's social workers. These are just a few examples of all that Amy has accomplished in her first year. We appreciate her leadership.