June Newsletter

June is a month of *celebrations*! Graduations happen in June. Whether it is pre-school, elementary, middle, high school, or college, we celebrate the accomplishments of students and send them forward with hope and confidence! Lots of weddings happen in June. As we share in their joy, we cheer for the happy couple as they embark upon the next chapter of their lives! If you are a gardener, in June you celebrate the blooms of those dogged perennials which persisted through the New England winter and cool spring to boldly blossom this time each year! If the seas are not too rough, by June you will certainly have your gear ready and have begun fishing for Stripers! And summer is just one month away. After the winter of 2020-2021, all of us are ready to *CELEBRATE*!!

So much wonderful news to include here!

On June 15, *celebrate* Chase Library’s Re-Opening Day! We will resume our regular schedule: Tuesday, 10-4pm and Saturday, 10-2pm! Come in and browse! If you are fully vaccinated, you will not need a mask. Or, call us and we will happily get your books ready for curbside pickup.

*Celebrations* at Chase Library continue with a public, *celebratory* Open House. Please plan to join us on Saturday, June 19, at the Library, 7 Main Street, at 12:30. (Pray for good weather as we are planning an outdoor event for the front lawn.) We have so much news to share with Town leadership, our fellow libraries, patrons, friends, surrounding businesses, and the entire Harwich community!

* With sadness in our hearts, but joyful thanks for her excellent and dedicated leadership, Chase Library asks that you help us *celebrate* the happy retirement of our very own ‘energizer bunny’ – the intrepid Claire Gradone, our Library Director. Claire has made a tremendous impact upon Chase Library and has done so amid the ofttimes chaotic chatter of many volunteers. Claire has led the Chase team with intelligence and insight, good will and a sense of humor! Our hearts are full as we *celebrate* Claire and wish her every good thing in the future.
* Our sadness as Claire joins the ranks of the retired is fully matched with our excitement as we welcome our new Library Director, Jacob Greenberg. Jacob is a charismatic, people-oriented individual who joins us after many years of library affiliation on the west coast. His roots are in a small library, much like Chase. His most recent experience is with the Sacramento library branches. Jacob brings many talents to Chase: he values a library’s history; his priority is patron services; he loves being back on the Cape ---*and* he is younger than everyone on the Board of Trustees and has the talents and skills that accompany youth! We *celebrate* Jacob’s addition to Chase. You will be thrilled to make his acquaintance!!
* And, *celebrate* the amazing improvements at Chase! Over the last 18 months Chase has been the recipient of two historic preservation grants: one from the 1772 Foundation and Preservation Massachusetts, and one from the Harwich Community Preservation Committee. The library has been washed, sanded and painted and the originaldoor and entrance have been completely repaired and preserved. The Board is so grateful for these grants! The Open House is an opportunity to visually understand how these grant funds have been used to preserve the library for many years to come. And with pandemic restrictions removed, we hope you will take the opportunity to tour the inside of the library to see this gem of a building.

It’s June! We invite you to *Come Celebrate with Us*!!