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## Dear Marlborough Community,

December was a busy month for us here at the library, and some great progress was made towards closing out the construction project. The final touches to the sidewalks were completed, and we continue to move through the final punch-list items. Once this is finished, we'll finally be able to start hanging art from the library's permanent art collection! The Local History room is really coming together, and we're working hard on getting the local artifacts into their cabinets. More information will be shared when that room is ready for use.

As you may already know, a large part of Marlborough lost power on December 18th. As with much of the city, the library lost power. But, thanks to our brand-new generator, our lights stayed on! Over the course of the day, word spread that the library had power. Before long, we saw every single study room and table fill up! We even opened the Grice Community Room and set up tables and chairs to provide additional workspaces to accommodate as many community members as possible. It was a hectic day, but I loved walking around and seeing everyone taking full advantage of their library and the resources we provide!

We're looking forward to some great programs this January. We're starting a [Teen Advisory Board](#), where teens can hang out, have their voices heard, and help make the teen space their own, all while earning volunteer hours. We're also introducing a brand-new monthly program called the "[Library Listening Lounge](#)," where folks can share music and poetry with others. Finally, don't miss [Mission: Earth & Space!](#), an exciting program for where attendees ages 6+ will learn about space, and (weather permitting) even take a peek through a telescope.

2023 has come to a close, and it was an incredibly exciting year for the library, and for me personally. My 1-year anniversary as Library Director is approaching, and I want to thank all of you for the warm welcome I received throughout the year. It's been an honor getting to know so many of you, and I look forward to many more years to come!

**Warm Regards,**

**Sara Belisle**

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