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To: President and Members of the City Council
From: Sean R. Reardon, Mayor
Date: August 14, 2023
Re: Appointment

I hereby appoint, subject to your approval, the following named individual as a member of the Library Board of Directors. This term will expire on February 1, 2026.

Madeleine Whitten
150 State Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

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Letter of Interest

To Whom it May Concern,

I am interested in becoming a member of the Newburyport Public Library Board of Directors.

I grew up in the south end of Newburyport in the 80's and 90's and have fond memories of walking to the library with my mom and coming home with my bag full of treasures. When my husband and I moved back to Newburyport 10 years ago and I was an anxious new mom, the "library babies story time" was a weekly high point when I would get out of the house, meet other moms and watch our babies delight in Miss Allison's songs and stories. Living just up the street from the library my daughters and I still visit the library at least once a week and it has been a joy to share my love of reading with them!

When this opportunity came up to be on the Library Board of Directors I felt excited for a different way to support and give back to a community institution that has provided me and my family with so much: from countless hours spent reading to gaining new information, to friendship and community connection. I bring my therapist training and ability to listen actively and use open-minded, creative, big picture thinking. The public library is such a special part of Newburyport and I would love to be one of those who works to keep it a thriving, invaluable resource.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Whitten

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ABOUT ME

Life long Newburyport resident, my favorite activities around town are biking the rail trail with my family, taking dance and yoga classes at the Tannery, attending Theater in the Open performances and Newburyport Chamber Orchestra concerts, going to Plum Island and picking up new books at the Library.

EXPERIENCE

North Shore Counseling Center / Therapist
2023 - Present, Beverly, MA

Ferreras Counseling and Wellness / Counseling Intern
July 2022 - June 2023, Lawrence, MA

Rooted Wholistic Care / Community Resource Advocate
October 2020 - October 2022, Danvers, MA

Sweet Annie Floral Design / Floral Designer
September 2017 - August 2020, Newburyport, MA

EDUCATION

Cambridge College / M. Ed. Mental Health Counseling
September 2020 - June 2023, Boston, MA

VOLUNTEERING

Parent volunteer at Bresnahan
Elementary School and River Valley
Charter School

Greater Newburyport Families Club
2014-2020