**President’s Monhegan Memorial Library**

**Annual Report, Miki Partridge**

**August 13, 2018**

The library continues to support Monhegan in so many wonderful ways. I want to thank the board for the numerous ways in which it has served this community over this past year.

I want to personally thank Mia for her outstanding work on the behalf of the library. I could not have done this year without her help and support. Mia offers the community, both winter and summer, several outstanding programs such as our writing events; she also coordinates the many school programs and she assists with all our fundraising events.

We would not have been able to have such a triumphant Distinguished Writers program without the help and determination of Mia.

I want to thank each of you for your contributions. I want to thank Marian Chioffi, our bookkeeper; Don Abbott, our treasurer; and Bob Smith, our investment overseer. They keep us honest and on budget.

Our Distinguished Writer events were well attended and well received. Christina Baker Kline’s book discussion had standing room only. It was such a bonus to have Jamie Wyeth contribute to her discussion. It was a remarkable event, surpassing all expectations. I cannot thank you all enough for helping to make this year’s program such a success. We were able to host Kristina Baker Kline thanks to Jane Perry’s contribution, individual donations, and the fundraising we did at the actual event. We were even to the plus in the end. It was a remarkable event.

Once again, the chowder fest was a success thanks to the efforts of the board. I want to thank Eileen and Michael, especially, for his generosity in allowing the event at the Inn. I think the chowder fest is a welcome event for everyone on the Island. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event so memorable.

This summer the library was the recipient of Jane Perry’s beautiful memorial bench dedicated to her husband. I think this, too, exceeded expectations. We were able to dedicate the bench with a wonderful and inspiring dedication ceremony.

Thank you to Jan Kornbluth for continuing our Poetry Jamboree. Another thank you to Carol Burdick for running our Book Sale last summer and next summer. And, of course, thanks go out to King Bob for the ever-fabulous raffle. Bob, we are so glad that you are okay and with us this summer. We could not do this raffle without the King. Eileen Cameron, your idea of bird houses for our raffle this year is brilliant - I dare anyone to outbid me!!

Thank you for all you do for the library. Thank you all for your heartfelt work.

It has been an honor to serve as the Library board president. We have a fabulous board and it has been a pleasure working with all of you. I am not sure how we top this extraordinary year, but I know, with continued brilliance, we will.

Respectfully,

Miki Partridge

President