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REP. KATE HOGAN'S SENIOR NEWS



A love for libraries

As many of you know I am a longtime advocate for our state's public libraries and literacy programs. In fact, I have chaired the Library Legislative Caucus on Beacon Hill since 2012. I know that one of the best choices we can make across the Commonwealth is to invest in our libraries.

As I write this, my office is prepping for deliberations over the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2018. The Massachusetts House of Representatives kicks off the process every year in late April by crafting a budget that reflects the priorities of the chamber. As always, I will fight to fund important programs such as local aid, education, environmental protections, aid to councils on aging, and local transportation. As Chair of the Library Legislative Caucus I am working closely with my fellow caucus members to rally support among my colleagues in the legislature for public library funding in the FY18 budget. This includes funding for State Aid to Public Libraries, the Talking Book Library in Worcester, Library Technology and Resource Sharing, and Massachusetts Center for the Book.

To me, the most appealing aspect of public libraries is their inclusivity: all are welcome, regardless of age, income, or disability. In addition to its usual programming and literary resources, the Maynard Public Library currently has a number of offerings that seniors might be interested in:

- **Succeeding in Retirement Seminar Series:** Funded by a federal grant, this near-monthly series offers important information to help individuals get prepared for retirement. The next seminar, titled "Retirement Income Planning," will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd at 7 p.m. at the Maynard Public Library. Certified Financial Planner Peter Hoffman will provide information and strategies about how to pay basic expenses, how to invest savings, and more. To sign up, visit maynardpubliclibrary.org/retirement, visit the Reference Desk, or call 978-897-1010 x103.
- **Books to Go:** By request, the Maynard Public Library will deliver books to homebound seniors. Call 978-897-1010 to register yourself or a loved one.

The Maynard Public Library is located at 77 Nason Street, Maynard. For more information about these and other programs, call 978-897-1010 or visit maynardpubliclibrary.org.



Coffee with Kate

Join me for "Coffee & Conversation" on Tuesday, May 23rd from 2 to 3 p.m. at ARIBA COFFEE, 246 Main Street, Hudson. Representative Danielle Gregoire (D-Marlborough), who serves as Chair of the Joint Committee on Elder Affairs, will provide on senior-related bills currently before the legislature. Treats and refreshments will be provided.

Rep. Hogan's Office Hours

- **Stow Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, May 11th from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Randall Library, 19 Crescent Street, Stow.
- **Bolton Office Hours** will be held on Thursday, May 25th from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Bolton Bean, 626 Main Street, Bolton. ****Please note morning time & new location****

Please bring any questions, ideas, or concerns you may have. If you are unable to attend office hours and have an issue or concern, please call the State House at 617-722-2130 to schedule an appointment with me. In addition to Rep. Hogan's office hours, her staff is available in the District Office at Maynard Town Hall, 195 Main Street, on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Closed Holiday Mondays)

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