Library forum Thursday

LYNNFIELD — The Library Building Committee is hosting the third community forum on the library building project on Thursday, March 10, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Huckleberry Hill All-Purpose Room.

The Library Building Committee, William Rawn Architects, owner's project manager John Sayre-Scolarino and the Board of Library Trustees will sponsor the third and final community forum before Town Meeting on April 25.

Architects Kevin Bergeron, Cliff Gayley and Sam Lesky will share preliminary designs for the site and a floor plan. Residents are invited to bring friends and neighbors to the forum.

If residents have any questions, they should contact Library Director Nancy Ryan at 781-334-5411 or nryan@noblesboro.org.

Huckleberry, Summer St. school set improvement goals

By DAN TOMASELLO

LYNNFIELD — Huckleberry Hill School Principal Brian Bemiss and Summer Street School Principal Jan DiBlase gave an update on the school improvement plans for the two elementary schools recently.

The elementary schools have crafted three goals for the 2015-2016 school year. The goals, which are aligned to the school system's strategic plan, pertain to science and English language arts.

In addition to providing an update on the elementary improvement plans, DiBlase said Summer Street School has worked diligently to integrate the preschool into the Summer Street community.

"Having the preschool in the building is a whole different ball game," said DiBlase. "(Preschool teachers) were working collaboratively with the teachers at each grade level in order to implement new Massachusetts Science and Technology Standards. Teachers have been identifying additional resources and professional development time has been used to support learning objectives based on these standards as well as create new science lessons."

"Teachers have worked extremely hard at grade levels to develop a very clear understanding of the learning objectives as stated in the 2013 standards," said Bemiss.

Elementary school officials and teachers have been working collaboratively in order ensure the science curriculum is aligned at each grade level. Noce has been guiding grade level teams to implement units of study that are aligned with the new standards.

Bemiss noted technology in-lessons into the classroom.

The new science standards will be implemented next year just in time for when the completely overhauled MCAS exam launched.

"We feel very confident we have more prepared for implementation of these lessons and units of study next year," said Bemiss.

School Committee member Jim Hayman said his daughter has really enjoyed learning new science lessons.

"I see that as a real positive," said Hayman.

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The second goal included the elementary school improvement plan seeks to improve academic achievement in English language arts.

According to the goal, English language arts director Madeline Fennelly has been consult