

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
May 6, 2025

Statistics

There were **43** new patrons in March. A total of **8,836** items were circulated. During the evenings, there were **41** individual patrons. **Ten** meetings were held during the day and evening. with **95** attendees. The Library was open **15** nights.

Building Maintenance

A heat exchanger on the roof needed to be replaced. The one remaining unit that has not yet required repair will probably require replacement soon, and was purchased so that it would be onsite when needed. The HVAC servicer will continue to check on the Rooftop Units regularly.

The Medway Cultural Council gifted the Library with a nice bench, which is located on the left as you face the entrance to the Library.

In April, I purchased 62 books for adults.

Director's Meetings & Webinars in April included:

Department Heads Meeting
Zoom meeting with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
Minuteman Library Network Meeting
Libraries as Catalysts for Social Cohesion program
SUP Coalition Meeting
ASRL Membership Meeting
Minuteman Library Network Executive Director, Phil McNulty, Library Visit

Director's Meetings & Webinars in May will include:

Department Heads Meeting
Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
Town Meeting
Staff Meeting
ARSL Adult Services Networking Group Meeting
SUP Policy Meeting
Minuteman Library Network Membership Meeting

Margaret Perkins, Library Director

March 27th - April 30th Adult Programs Report

We had 132 people participate in our adult programming.

Our monthly programs continue to have a steady attendance. The Medway Library Book Discussion Group attracted twelve enthusiastic patrons. The OH SHOOT! Photography Group session had six participants. Sixteen patrons enjoyed the Deborah Sampson portrayal on April 3rd, and nineteen patrons decorated eggs during The Art of Psyanky -The Painting of Easter Eggs in the Traditional Ukrainian Style program. Eighteen people attended *Willie Nelson Songs and Stories with Matt York* on March 31st.

The Senior Housing Outreach program had five participants who borrowed 16 books in total. Our Adult Game Night has become very popular so we have added a second monthly session. Our March 27th & two April sessions drew twenty-one participants in total.

Our young adult Dungeons & Dragons group (18-25 yrs olds) continues to meet on Mondays, and the adult D&D group continues to meet during the weeks that work for everybody in the group.

For new programs, we now offer a dedicated Tech Help hour on Tuesdays from 11am-12pm. Patrons can get assistance with things such as Libby, Hoopla and the new Minuteman app on their various devices.

The Library Webinars and Online Events (Library Speaker Consortium) subscription held three virtual online talks. There were 10 views out of the 13 registrations for *Conversation with Jodi Picoult about her newest novel, By Any Other Name*, 2 views out of 2 registrations for *Conversation with Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming*, and *Conversation with Bestselling Author Gregg Hurwitz* received 2 views out of 3 registrations. We have also partnered with Groton Library to provide additional virtual programs. This month's collaboration was on *Grim(m) Tales with Bill Thierfelder*.

From March 27th to April 29th, two people accessed the AtoZ World Food website to view 30 pages.

Some upcoming programs:

On May 22nd, we will be hosting *Enchanted Plants: An Exploration of Common and Uncommon Plants in Folklore and Magic* at 7pm in the Cole room, and *At Home in the World: Reflections of a Travel Addict with Matt Davis* on May 27th at 7pm in the Cole room.

Our May virtual programs will include *Inspired Garden Design Lessons from Magnificent Gardens and Gardeners with Kerry Ann Mendez* on May 13th at 7pm, *Masters of Song: Aretha Franklin with Clint Edwards* on May 20th at 7pm, and *Champions of Change: The Fight for Equality and the Early Women's Movement with Charlotte* on May 27th at 7pm, as well as three Library Speaker Consortium programs.

March 27th - April 30th Makerspace Trustees Report

For April, the overall people counter in the Makerspace is 2602. Dividing it by four produces an estimated count of **650** people either using the equipment, wanting a tour to see what we offered, or hanging out in the space. The space continues to have a healthy amount of children as well as adults using the space to work on the 3D printer, play computer games, or sew and craft.

Three people participated in Morning Mend's April session to seek help mending their clothing, and The Fiber Arts Group continues to meet twice per month in the room.

The April STEAM program had eight attendees who were very excited to participate in the classic Mentos and soda experiment.

Eight patrons enjoyed making a tiny twine mat coaster during our Heritage Twine Map Making program, and fourteen children participated in the Medway High School Art Club's tutorial for drawing a bird using oil pastels.

The room has also been used by the Stamp Club for their monthly meetings.

One new person was certified on the 3D printer.

For a more detailed look into the usage of the space: Patrons used the laminator, large format printer, 8mm converter, and VHS to digital & DVD converters. The computers and 3D printers were also heavily used. On the craft side, a patron used the Silhouette paper cutter. The paper crafting and other cutting supplies were used throughout the month. Several patrons, including elementary age children, used the sewing machines along with the large conference table to work on projects. Patrons have also been using the knitting needles, fabric, and yarn supplies.

In May, we will continue to open the Makerspace to middle schoolers on Tuesdays and Thursdays to come and hang out. Morning Mend will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, and the regular programs that use the Makerspace will continue to meet as well.

New equipment update: We now have a serger sewing machine which was donated to the space as well as a third 3D printer. The serger sewing machine is ready for patrons to use but the 3D printer needs to be configured and tested.

Sincerely
Diane Busa
Makerspace Coordinator

April 2025 Youth Services Report

Weekly programs

We added a chess club in April, at the request of a community member. She has volunteered to co-lead the program. It is gaining momentum. The family yoga on Saturdays has picked up and has been a good offering. This program will move to Thursday afternoons in the summertime, but has been a great addition to our weekly “when we’re open, there’s something at 11” lineup.

Monthly/special programs

Our Read the Rainbow group particularly enjoyed Lunar Boy by Jes and Cin Wibowo. PAWS to Read saw a new dog team join the lineup.

Passive programs

In the children’s room: We had a rainbow sensory bin and a butterfly-themed salt writing tray. There was also a flannel board storytelling activity with the book Bunny’s Book Club. These were all incredibly popular. In the middle-grade room: Various examination tables and drawing prompt activities saw frequent usage.

Displays

Ivana spearheaded an “Empowered by Libraries” display in recognition of both Library Week and the gutting of IMLS. In the YA department, we had displays on anime and on trans pride. The middle grade room featured poetry for National Poetry Month.

Collection development

In March, I purchased 47 YA titles and 56 children’s books.

Deposit Collection/Schools/Outreach

The music partnership is slowly coming along but may need to wait until the fall. The NHS advisor did put out a call for volunteers to work with a middle school book club in the fall, and we have already had one taker.

Thanks,
Audrey

April Report - Tech Services

This month I:

- Catalogued 173 Adult books, 153 Children's books, 58 Young Adult books, 3 Library of Things items, and 18 Media items
- Publicized upcoming monthly programs on Instagram, Wowbrary newsletter, and Facebook
- Ordered and maintained inventory of office supplies and Ingram book orders

The three LoT items added this month were:

- Projector Screen
- Lincoln Logs
- Bird Kit (Binoculars & Informational bird book)

Thanks,
Ivan Aguilar

Budget Report

	Medway Public Library Budget Report			5/1/2025		
Account	Acct #	Start Balance	Expen. To Date	End Balance	% Spent	Materials Expenditures
Salaries - Full Time	5110	\$204,624	\$178,798.15	\$25,825.85	87.38%	
Salaries - Part Time	5111	\$141,027	\$103,211.47	\$37,815.53	73.19%	
Longevity	5150	\$1,100	\$550.00	\$550.00	50.00%	
Electricity	5211	\$23,600	\$25,964.51	(\$2,364.51)	110.02%	
Heating Fuel	5212	\$9,200	\$8,104.79	\$1,095.21	88.10%	
Trash	5232	\$2,580	\$1,928.64	\$651.36	74.75%	
Water & Sewer	5231	\$740	\$529.52	\$210.48	71.56%	
R & M Miscellaneous	5240	\$4,900	\$3,154.79	\$1,745.21	64.38%	
Telephone	5341	\$800	\$542.26	\$257.74	67.78%	
Supplies	5400	\$4,200	\$4,067.00	\$133.00	96.83%	
OPS - (Minuteman bill)	5380	\$27,019.00	\$27,019.00	\$0.00	100.00%	
Programs	5380	\$4,421.00	\$3,978.63	\$442.37	89.99%	
Books, Media & Periodicals	5521	\$88,125	\$76,885.86	\$11,239.14	87.25%	\$76,885.86
Travel	5710	\$50	\$0.00	\$50.00	0.00%	
Dues & Meetings	5730	\$600	\$682.95	(\$82.95)	113.83%	
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND		\$512,986	\$435,417.57	\$77,568.43	84.88%	

		Original Approp	Avail Budget			
Tuchinsky Other Purchases		\$129,882	\$129,881.61			
Tuchinsky Books/Interest		\$20,467	\$23,142.64			
Total Tuchinsky Library		\$150,349	\$153,024.25			
		Start Balance	Expen. To Date	Income to Date	Account Bal	
Memorial Donations		\$207,324.68	\$29,587.00	\$858.00	\$178,595.68	
Library Restitution Fund		\$6,124.10		\$389.78	\$6,513.88	
Copier & Printer Rev. Fund		\$11,686.34	\$169.89	\$319.00	\$11,835.45	
Meeting Room Rev. Fund		\$4,317.16		\$50.00	\$4,367.16	
Free Public Library (State Aid)		\$126,597.76	\$7,955.58	\$17,856.00	\$136,498.18	
TOTAL - OTHER FUNDS		\$356,050.04	\$37,712.47	\$19,472.78	\$337,810.35	

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