

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
June 26, 2025

Statistics

There were **33** new patrons in June. A total of **8,401** items were circulated. New items amounted to **286**. There were **2,794** Overdrive checkouts.

Building Maintenance

The Library was available as a cooling center during the recent hot days. A large tree in a neighboring house fell, blocking the Library exit to High Street. There were no injuries. The Highway department arrived quickly and worked for quite awhile to clear the debris.

Director's Meetings & Webinars in June included:

Zoom meeting with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
Minuteman Library Network Meeting
SUP Coalition Meeting
ASRL Membership Meeting

Margaret Perkins, Library Director

Account FY25	Acct FY25	Start Balance	Expen. To Date	End Balance	% Spent
Salaries - Full Time	5110	\$204,624	\$222,026.27	(\$17,402.27)	108.50%
Salaries - Part Time	5111	\$141,027	\$130,646.66	\$10,380.34	92.64%
Longevity	5150	\$1,100	\$550.00	\$550.00	50.00%
Electricity	5211	\$23,600	\$23,132.30	\$467.70	98.02%
Heating Fuel	5212	\$9,200	\$9,264.40	(\$64.40)	100.70%
Trash	5232	\$2,580	\$2,571.52	\$8.48	99.67%
Water & Sewer	5231	\$740	\$741.57	(\$1.57)	100.21%
R & M Miscellaneous	5240	\$4,900	\$3,884.15	\$1,015.85	79.27%
Telephone	5341	\$800	\$827.87	(\$27.87)	103.48%
Supplies	5400	\$4,200	\$4,343.61	(\$143.61)	103.42%
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	\$83,184.58	\$4,940.42	94.39%
Travel	5710	\$50	\$0.00	\$50.00	0.00%
Dues & Meetings	5730	\$600	\$682.95	(\$82.95)	113.83%
TOTAL - GENERAL FUND		\$512,986	\$512,853.51	\$132.49	99.97%

	Original Approp	Transfers	Revised Budget	YTD	Available Budget
Tuchinsky Other Purchases	129,882	5192	135,074	-1680.74	133,393
Tuchinsky Books/Interest	20467				20467
Total Tuchinsky Library	150,349	5192	155,541	-3166.41	152,375
Memorial Donations	207,325	956	208281	41,601.11	166,680
Library Restitution Fund	6,124	443	6567	-442.94	7,010
Copier & Printer Rev. Fund	11,686	796	12482	867	11,615
Meeting Room Rev. Fund	4317	100	4417	-100	4,517
Free Public Library (State Aid)	126,598	35,889	162487	12021.53	150,465

May 29th to June 26th Adult Programs Report

We had 96 people participate in our adult programming.

Our monthly programs continue to have a steady attendance. The Medway Library Book Discussion Group attracted fifteen enthusiastic patrons. The OH SHOOT! Photography Group met twice this month and each session had five participants. On June 10th, we hosted *Autism Advocacy and Allyship* which was very interesting, however it had low attendance.

The Senior Housing Outreach program had six participants who borrowed 8 books in total. Our Adult Game Night drew four participants this month.

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.

Multiple patrons took advantage of our Tech Help program on Tuesdays. We have switched to a new Minuteman Mobile app and the staff has been assisting patrons with the transition.

The Library Webinars and Online Events (Library Speaker Consortium) subscription held three virtual online talks. There were 2 views/4 registrations for *Extinctopedia*, 5 views out of 8 registrations for *Conversation with Author Lisa Jewell*. Unfortunately *Living the Otter Life with Katherine Applegate (3rd-6th Grade)* received 0 registrations. We have also partnered with Groton and Ashland Library to provide additional virtual programs. This month's collaborations were *Death in the National Parks: Who, How, and Why with Author Randi Minetor*, *Author Alexis Prescott Discusses "The First Witches"*, *A Chat With Edward Underhill*, *Summer Romance Beach Read Recommendations with Lorelei of Lorelei's Lit Lair*, *Creating A Tech-Healthy Family*, and *"Dead End Road" with True Crime Author E.C. Hanson*.

AtoZ World Food website had no usage data for the month of June.

Adult Summer Reading Bingo has begun. When a participant gets bingo, they will receive a coupon for a free book from the Friends of the Medway Library. Coupons can be used during book sales or for their on-going sale cart. The program will run in conjunction with the children's summer reading program. We expect it to be as popular as last year.

Some upcoming programs:

On July 15th, we will be hosting *Extreme Survival: Lessons from Those Who Have Triumphed Against All Odds* at 7pm in the Cole room.

Our virtual programs will include *"Heal the Beasts" with Author and Veterinarian Philipp Schott* on July 7th at 7pm, *In Conversation with Romance Author Rachel Reid* on July 9th at 7pm, *"Captain Kidd: A True Story of Treasure and Betrayal" with Author Samuel Marquis* on July 14th at 7pm, *"Thomas More: A Life" with Author and Historian Joanne Paul* on July 16th at 10am, *"Artificial Stupelligence: The Hilarious Truth About AI" with Author Lynn Raebsamén* on July 18th at 10am, *"The Wisdom of Morrie" with Author (and son of Morrie), Rob Schwartz* on July 24th at 7pm, *"Dinner with King Tut" with Author Sam Kean* on July 28th at 7pm, and *"V is*

for Venom: Agatha Christie's Chemicals of Death" with Author Dr. Kathryn Harkup on July 30th at 2pm as well as three Library Speaker Consortium programs.

May 29th - June 26th Makerspace Trustees Report

From May 29th through June 26th, the overall people counter in the Makerspace is 2243m including both incoming and outgoing. Dividing this number by four produces an estimated count of **560** people either using the equipment, wanting a tour to see what we offered, or hanging out in the space. The Makerspace continues to have a healthy amount of children as well as adults using the room to work on the 3D printer, play computer games, utilizing the media conversion equipment, or to sew and craft.

Four people participated in Morning Mend's June session to seek help mending their clothing, and the Fiber Arts Group met in the room and at Choate Park.

Two children participated in our Tween/Teen sewing program where they were able to make giant stuffed frogs.

Fifteen patrons joined us for the Introduction to the Makerspace Video Equipment program that was held in conjunction with Medway Cable Access.

The room has also been used by the Stamp Club for their monthly meetings as well as the OH SHOOT! Photography Group.

One new person was certified on the knitting machine and two were certified on the sewing machine. One patron was certified on the 3D printer.

For a more detailed look into the usage of the space: Patrons used the laminator, large format printer, DVD duplicator, Epson scanner, DVD buffer, 8mm converter, and VHS to digital & DVD converters. The computers and 3D printers were also heavily used. On the craft side, the paints and the paper crafting and other cutting supplies were used throughout the month. Several patrons, including elementary and middle school 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 July, we will open the Makerspace to Teens on Wednesday evenings to come and hang out. Children under 14 years of age will be welcome in the Makerspace throughout the summer as long as there is a staff member in the room.

Sincerely
Diane Busa
Makerspace Coordinator

July Report - Tech Services

This month I:

- Catalogued 173 Adult items, 66 Children's items, 42 Young Adult items, 2 Library of Things items, and 17 Media items
- Publicized upcoming monthly programs on Instagram, Wowbrary newsletter, and Facebook

Three LoT items added this month:

- DVD player
- Robot Turtles (STEM board game)

June 2025 Youth Services Report

Weekly programs

Our regular programs have been well attended overall, especially the Middle School Hangout. Chess club has been well received and has finished for the school year. We hope to bring it back in the fall. Family yoga on Saturdays has picked up and has been a good offering. This program will be held on Thursday afternoons in July and August. It will return to Saturdays starting in the fall to maintain our weekly “when we’re open, there’s something at 11” lineup.

Monthly/special programs

Our Read the Rainbow book club finished for the school year. It too will take a hiatus for the summer. Our Summer Reading program was very well received. We already have over 130 sign ups. The children are very excited about the raffle baskets. The Instrument Playground program was a big hit. We were fortunate to have a great group of young adult helpers for the day.

Passive programs

In the children’s room: We had a cat sensory bin and a cat-themed salt writing tray. We had the book “Chester” for a flannel board activity. These were all incredibly popular. In the middle-grade room: Various coloring and puzzle activities and cat tangrams saw frequent usage.

Displays

June featured a Pride display in the YA section. With federal erasures of DEI initiatives, we will continue to prioritize minority recognition months and endeavor to make sure we offer, in the words of Rudine Sims Bishop, “windows, mirrors, and sliding glass doors.” July will showcase a Disability Pride month display for YA and the Juvenile section will have a Summer Reading display.

Collection development

In June, no items were purchased due to the end of the fiscal year budget review.

Program Name	Date	Virtual or In Person	On-site (at library) or Off-site (somewhere else)	Live (Synch.) or Only Recorded (Asynch.)	Live Attendance (or Device Count for Virtual)	Recorded Attendance (first 7 days)	Total Attendance/ Device Views	Age Group	Summer Program?	Activity (Passive) Program?	Activity Count (e.g. # of take-home kits taken)
Toddler Jam	6/2/25	In Person	On-site	Live	13		13	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chess Club	6/2/25	In Person	On-site	Live			0	Child (6-11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Toddler Jam	6/3/25	In Person	On-site	Live	5		5	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Makerspace Hangout	6/3/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0		0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
It's Toddler Story Time!	6/4/25	In Person	On-site	Live	2		2	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
It's Preschool Story Time!	6/5/25	In Person	On-site	Live	16		16	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Makerspace Hangout	6/5/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0		0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Move, Groove, and Learn!	6/6/25	In Person	On-site	Live	11		11	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dance Party Playgroup	6/6/25	In Person	On-site	Live	11		11	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family Yoga	6/7/25	In Person	On-site	Live	10		10	General Audience (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
OUT MetroWest Satellite Night	6/6/25	In Person	On-site	Live	7		7	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Toddler Jam	6/9/25	In Person	On-site	Live	10		10	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kids sewing - Giant Frogs	6/9/25	In Person	On-site	Live	2		2	Child (6-11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chess Club	6/9/25	In Person	On-site	Live	4		4	Child (6-11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Toddler Jam	6/10/25	In Person	On-site	Live	13		13	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Makerspace Hangout	6/10/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0		0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
It's Toddler Story Time!	6/11/25	In Person	On-site	Live	8		8	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
PAWS to Read	6/11/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0		0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
It's Preschool Story Time!	6/12/25	In Person	On-site	Live	19		19	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Makerspace Hangout	6/12/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0		0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Move, Groove, and Learn!	6/13/25	In Person	On-site	Live	6		6	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dance Party Playgroup	6/13/25	In Person	On-site	Live	3		3	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family Yoga	6/14/25	In Person	On-site	Live	7		7	General Audience (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Toddler Jam	6/16/25	In Person	On-site	Live	12		12	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chess Club	6/16/25	In Person	On-site	Live			0	Child (6-11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Toddler Jam	6/17/25	In Person	On-site	Live	4		4	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Makerspace Hangout	6/17/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0		0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
It's Toddler Story Time!	6/18/25	In Person	On-site	Live	13		13	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Move, Groove, and Learn!	6/20/25	In Person	On-site	Live			0	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dance Party Playgroup	6/20/25	In Person	On-site	Live			0	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Summer Reading kick off	6/20/25	In Person	On-site	Live	86		86	General Audience (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family Yoga	6/21/25	In Person	On-site	Live	11		11	General Audience (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Toddler Jam	6/23/25	In Person	On-site	Live	27		27	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Chess Club	6/23/25	In Person	On-site	Live			0	Child (6-11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Toddler Jam	6/24/25	In Person	On-site	Live	6		6	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Makerspace Hangout	6/24/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0		0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Read the Rainbow: Bloom by Kevin Panetta	6/24/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0		0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
It's Toddler Story Time!	6/25/25	In Person	On-site	Live	8		8	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
It's Preschool Story Time!	6/26/25	In Person	On-site	Live	14		14	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Makerspace Hangout	6/26/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0	0	Teen (12-18)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Move, Groove, and Learn!	6/27/25	In Person	On-site	Live	14	14	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Dance Party Playgroup	6/27/25	In Person	On-site	Live	16	16	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Family Yoga	6/28/25	In Person	On-site	Live		0	General Audience (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Toddler Jam	6/30/15	In Person	On-site	Live		0	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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								<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Unicorn-themed Sensory Bin		N/A (Activity)	On-site	N/A (Activity)		0	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Rainbow Salt Writing Tray		N/A (Activity)	On-site	N/A (Activity)		0	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bird on My Head Story Basket		N/A (Activity)	On-site	N/A (Activity)		0	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Investigations Table		N/A (Activity)	On-site	N/A (Activity)		0	Child (6-11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Middle grade table		N/A (Activity)	On-site	N/A (Activity)		0	Child (6-11)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Stacking Toy for Babies/Toddlers/Preschoolers		N/A (Activity)	On-site	N/A (Activity)		0	Child (0-5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18 to 25 D&D	6/2/25	In Person	On-site	Live	4	4	Adult			
Adult D&D	6/2/25	In Person	On-site	Live	6	6	Adult			
Tech Help	6/3/25	In Person	On-site	Live	1	1	Adult			
Book Club	6/5/25	In Person	On-site	Live	15	15	Adult			
OH SHOOT Photo Group	6/5/25	In Person	On-site	Live	5	5	Adult			
Austism Talk	6/10/25	In Person	On-site	Live	0	0	Adult			
Fiber Arts Group	6/10/25	In Person	Off-site	Live	6	6	Adult			
Tech Help	6/10/25	In Person	On-site	Live	6	6	Adult		Computer & Min App help	
The Morning Mend	6/14/25	In Person	Off-site	Live	4	4	Adult			
18 to 25 D&D	6/16/25	In Person	On-site	Live	5	5	Adult			
Tech Help	6/17/25	In Person	On-site	Live	3	3	Adult			
MCA Makerspace overview	6/24/25	In Person	Off-site	Live	15	15	Adult			
Fiber Arts Group	6/24/25	In Person	Off-site	Live	4	4	Adult			
Tech Help	6/24/25	In Person	On-site	Live	1	1	Adult			
Adult Game Night	6/26/25	In Person	On-site	Live	3	3	Adult			
OH SHOOT Photo Group	6/29/25	In Person	On-site	Live	5	5	Adult			
18 to 25 D&D	6/30/25	In Person	On-site	Live		0	Adult			
Speaker Consortium Subscription (Virtual)										
Extinctopedia	6/4/25	Virtual	Off-site	Live	2	2	Adult		4 registrations	
Conversation with Author Lisa Jewell	6/10/25	Virtual	Off-site	Live	5	5	Adult		8 registrations	
Living the Otter Life with Katherine Applegate (3rd-	6/24/25	Virtual	Off-site	Live	0	0	Children		0 registrations	
Outreach										
Mahan Circle	5/15/25	In Person	Off-site	Live	6	6	Adult		8 books	
Glenbrook Apartments	5/15/25	In Person	Off-site	Live		0	Adult		books	

Add meetings?												
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