

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
March 1, 2022

In February, 105 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in February:

- Thursday Story Time - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- PAWS to Read
- Chess Group
- Dungeons & Dragons Campaign I
- STEAM up your Wednesdays
- Special STEAM up your Wednesdays - Feb 9 (hosted by WPI students)
- Racism not Race with Dr. Joseph Graves Jr. & Alan Goodman (in collaboration with Ashland and several other libraries)
- PAWS to Read
- Zero Carbon, Zero Bills with David Green (in collaboration with Ashland and several other libraries)

Programs in March will include:

- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- PAWS to Read
- Chess Group
- Dungeons & Dragons Campaign II
- STEAM up your Wednesdays
- Personal Finance Workshops for ages 17-30 (in collaboration with Tewksbury & many other libraries)
- Chess Group

Children's/YA Librarian Report (Audrey Snowden):

February saw the end of the Facebook Live program Yoga for Kids. We've been happy to offer this for most of the pandemic, and are sorry to see Lauren go. When we return to in-person programming, a mindfulness/movement option will certainly be on the menu.

The new Dungeons and Dragons campaign also wrapped up at the end of February. We will kick off another campaign via Zoom that is scheduled to wrap up before April vacation. We hope to do an in-house D&D campaign after that one.

Tuesday gaming sessions on Discord continue to have consistent attendance, and the makerspace/youth services kits are still consistently popular. Our other virtual programs are not garnering much if any support. We will regroup in March and plan for summer reading!

Makerspace Report

Makerspace visitor count February: 41 (not everyone has been signing guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - WPI Students hosted on Feb 9th via Zoom - 18 children participated

Diane has certified one person on the 3D printer, and has seen people using the VHS converters, 8mm converter, laminator, poster printer, sewing machines, 3D printer, coloring & paper crafting supplies. Girl Scouts also utilized the craft area to paint projects.

Upcoming February classes:

STEAM Wednesday - March 16 via Zoom

Meetings & Webinars in February included:

Department Manager Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Training for Environmental Monitoring Program

Minuteman Library Network Technology Interest Group meeting

Opioid Overdose Prevention Training

Mental Health Training

Nature in Your Neighborhood program planning (with Audubon and Parks & Rec)

Massachusetts Library Association Programming Planning

Minuteman Demo of proposed library card sharing among networks

New England Library Association, IT section: Website Design

Minuteman Library Network Reference Interest Group Meeting

Medway Cultural Council - grant for statue @ library planning

Pubmed Essentials webinar

Blue Marble Librarians Network (climate change) meeting

Meeting with Strategic Plan Focus Group consultant

Meetings & Webinars in March will include:

Department Manager Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Focus Group - Medway Master Plan

Massachusetts Library Association Programming Group

Massachusetts Library Association Leaders & Managers Group

Minuteman Library Network Membership (Directors) Meeting

Building and Grounds

The Library was closed on February 25th due to a snowstorm.
Reviewed planned capital improvements with DPW.

Other

The lower level was open 15 nights in December, used by 16 individuals and two meetings.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director