

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
March 2, 2021

There were 3,598 checkouts during February, and 675 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in February:

- Thursday and Friday Story Times - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- PAWS to Read - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Blind Date with a Book - Teen edition
- Blind Date with a Book - Adult edition
- Stitch Along
- Animal Crossing Open House
- STEAM Thursdays

Programs in March will include:

- Thursday and Friday Story Times - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Stitch Along
- Among Us Gaming Sessions
- STEAM Thursdays
- PAWS to Read
- Teen Stitch Along
- Circuit Cards Teen Kit
- "Dandelions," a Jean-Francoise Millet Inspired Pastel Painting Workshop with Greg Maichack

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

February numbers have picked up a bit. Our community is responding strongly to take-and-make kits for both kids and teens, and we've combined some of those with videos or work-along Zoom sessions. Yoga continues to be a big draw, and this was the first month we offered gaming-related programming. There will be more of that to come. Attendance at youth programs was 205, with 158 people participating in passive programming such as take and make kits, some of which have associated pre-recorded videos.

Makerspace

Technology

In addition to printing, scanning, copying and faxing, we are now loaning a chromebook and a hotspot together for patrons to check out for a week. We have ordered more hotspots.

Meetings & Webinars in February included:

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Department Heads Meeting

New England Library Association/Information Technology Section meeting

Trial Court Library Program - MA Board of Library Commissioners

New England Library Association Information Technology Section Annual Conference

Minuteman Library Network Reference Interest Group

Unattended Children: How to talk to parents about their children's behavior (Ryan Dowd)

Meetings in March will include:

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Massachusetts Library System - Strategic Planning 2022

Microsoft OneDrive for Business & Microsoft Teams Training (Town)

Minuteman Library Network Membership Committee

Building

Makerspace Coordinator Diane Busa and I are working on estimating ventilation rates, now that we have received a replacement for the faulty CO2 monitor purchased last month.

DPW discovered that there was more damage to the floor tiles that were affected by the flood than was immediately obvious. They have extra tiles, and either DPW or the vendor will install them shortly.

IT replaced the Children's Librarian's computer, which was quite old, and fixed the catalog computer.

The Annual Report is due at Town Hall on March 5th.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director