

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
April 12, 2022

In February, 107 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in March:

- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- PAWS to Read
- Chess Group
- Dungeons & Dragons Campaign II
- STEAM up your Wednesdays
- Wildlife in your backyard program with Erin Mallette, Animal Control Officer
- Personal Finance Workshops for ages 17-30 (in collaboration with Tewksbury & many other libraries)
- Audubon (through a grant from Medway Cultural Council)

Programs in April will include:

- Take and Make Kits
- Outdoor Storytimes at Choate Park
- Outdoor Toddler Jam at Choate Park
- 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
- Audubon programs for adults and kids (through a grant from Medway Cultural Council)
- Jellyfish: How to pastel paint with Greg Maichack
- Neighborhood Forest free tree distribution
- Seed catalog now available (most packets donated through 4-H and labeled by 4-Hers)

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

March was a slower month, which was a good thing given staffing constraints during the second half. Numbers were low, but we are looking forward to bringing back some outside programming next month--and our current programs are steady.

Makerspace Report

Makerspace visitor count March: 40 (not everyone has been signing the guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - March 16 via Zoom - 9 children participated

Diane has seen people using the VHS converters, Epson scanner, 8mm converter, laminator, poster printer, sewing machines, 3D printer, Photoshop, computers as well as the fabric & yarn supply. She certified 1 person on the sewing machine.

Upcoming April classes:

STEAM Wednesday - April 13 in-person

Meetings & Webinars in March included:

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

Keeping Governance on Track (Roberts Rules)

Meetings & Webinars in April will include:

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Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Medway Library Long Range Plan Focus Group - Meeting 1

Ryan Dowd's programs: Mental Illness, Part 1

Unite Against Book Bans webinar

Choke Saving Class (Director, Makerspace Coordinator, Children's/YA Librarian)

Minuteman Library Network Technology Interest Group

Massachusetts Library Association Programming Planning Meeting

Medway Master Plan Meeting

Practical Disaster Resources for New England Libraries webinar

Overdrive Marketplace webinar

Helping to bridge the digital divide via the Affordable Connectivity Program: What is it and how can libraries help.

Massachusetts Library System: HR Series: Employment Law for Supervisors

Building and Grounds

Amazon donated 6 book carts and 2 white boards, from a brick and mortar store that had closed. We greatly appreciate DPW's willingness to drive to Dedham to pick up the donations.

Met in person and virtually with Medway Cultural Council and sculptress to discuss sculpture design and location.

Working with DPW to add soundproofing to study carrels - received two quotes

Other

The lower level was open 19 nights in December, used by 21 individuals and three meetings.

Story Times will be offered at the Medway Farmers Market this summer.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director