

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
May 4, 2021

In April, 675 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in April:

- 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
- Among Us
- Animal Crossing Gaming Sessions
- STEAM Thursdays

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- 4 Legs to Stand On - presented by Creating Outreach About Addiction Support Together-
*sponsored by Medway Cultural Council, Medway Lions Club, Medway Cable Access and
Medway Public Library*

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

April continued the well-received yoga we've been lucky to offer. We continued offering storytimes, gaming, and PAWS to Read as well. These are fairly steady. Our numbers were a bit lower this month in part because we had one week with very little programming (librarian vacation week). The storywalk was reinstalled and then deinstalled (again); we will work on a new approach to that.

Makerspace

We started a new session of Arduino coding & robotics which should go until the end of June. We have 7 participants, 3 adult mentors and 2 junior mentors. We meet every Monday at 6:30pm over Zoom.

STEAM Thursday was held on Apr 8 & 29. There were 11 participants for each session.

Helped with take & make kits for preschoolers, teens and elementary level children.

Upcoming program:

Planning an event to promote the Medway Balloon Society. Max Kendall is working on launching his second weather balloon. There will be a small program held at Choate on Sunday May 16 to inform families about weather balloons and what is involved in designing them.

Other:

The Friends recently received 2 large donations from patrons. Some of the money will be used for another new workstation in the Makerspace. We received word that Exelon will be giving us a \$750 grant which to be used for a new laptop for the space. We are currently working with laptops from 2011.

Meetings & Webinars in April included:

Department Heads Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

New England Library Association/Information Technology Section meeting

Data that Counts: An Introduction to Census Data for Public Libraries

Prejudice: Responding to prejudicial comments from customers

Strategic Planning: Consulting Co-working Sessions

Brief FinCom meeting

Minuteman Library Network Reference Interest Group

[DEI Training Series] Social Justice in Action: Addressing Race Relations in 21st Century

Pandemic Safety at Cultural Heritage Institutions

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Medway Town Meeting

Department Heads Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

[DEI Training Series] Leading Organizational Change in a Multicultural World

[DEI Training Series] Native Nations and your library: Discussion and Reflection

[DEI Training Series] Creating Accessible Virtual Programs for Children with Disabilities and their Families

Reframing Aging: A Social Change Endeavor designed to improve the public's understanding of aging

When Should You Call the Police?

Census Data for Librarians

Owl & Minuteman Call (product for hybrid remote and in person meetings)

Minuteman Library Network Membership (Directors') meeting

Dementia Friends presentation, with The Willows & Whitney Place

Medway Master Plan - interview with consult to discuss library facilities and services

Medway Master Plan Focus Group

Medway Master Plan Community Forum

Building

A fairly new valve in the sprinkler room began leaking slowly. DPW called the plumber, who cleaned it out and made sure it was no longer leaking.

The mason has finished repairing the stone steps at the emergency exit.

Acquisition of the large used fish tank from another library turned out to be more problematic than expected, so we decided against it. We received a small, wheeled table from Wellesley Library, and an large round computer work station from Norwell Public Library. DPW kindly picked up the work station from Norwell and brought it to our library.

Other

Representatives from Medway Marches, along with a reporter from the Milford Daily News, came to the Library to see the books we have purchased with their generous donation. The reporter wrote a nice article that appeared in the newspaper on April 26th.

We plan to partner with the School Department's Director of Wellness, Dr. Ryan Sherman, on summer food programs and related activities.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director