

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
June 7, 2022

In April, 52 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in May:

- Medway Pride Day
- Outdoor Toddler Jam at Choate Park (twice a week)
- Storyhours (weekly)
- Among Us (weekly)
- Dungeons & Dragons Campaign III (weekly)
- STEAM up your Wednesdays (monthly)
- Creative Lettering Club (weekly)
- Chess Group (monthly)
- Neighborhood Tree distribution - almost 80 trees
- Arduino Coding and Robotics (weekly)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Teen MakerSpace Takeover (monthly)
- Cosplay Club (twice a month)
- Medway Library Environmental Club (weekly)
- North Sea Gas Concert
- Friends of the Medway Library Booksales

Programs in June will include:

- Outdoor Toddler Jam at Choate Park (twice a week)
- Storyhours (weekly)
- Children's Book Week
- Among Us (weekly)
- Dungeons & Dragons Campaign III (weekly)
- STEAM up your Wednesdays (monthly)
- Creative Lettering Club (weekly)
- Arduino Coding and Robotics (weekly)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- Teen MakerSpace Takeover (monthly)
- Cosplay Club (twice a month)
- Medway Library Environmental Club (weekly)
- An Evening with Stephen Foster and Mark Twain
- Author Talk - Catherine Marengi

- Three upcoming programs on space this summer with Tewksbury and other Libraries:
June: Space Travel's Effects on Health

The Library participated in Medway Pride Day, offering information about the library and sample activities from the Makerspace, including the huge hit, Spin Art, constructed of old computer fans. One of the PAWS to Read dogs joined us at the booth. I would like to thank the staff members and others who worked at the booth, and especially the two 4-Hers.

We have just hired a new Substitute Library Assistant I, and we are looking for one more.

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

May saw a return to full in-person programming. We have Toddler Jam on Mondays and Tuesdays, Dungeons & Dragons on Mondays, Environmental Club on Mondays, Among Us (a live Discord meetup) on Tuesdays, It's Story Time! on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Creative Lettering on Wednesdays, and Teen Makerspace Takeovers on the first Friday of the month (the theme was Mother's Day).

We also participate in 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. We participated in Children's Book Week the first week of May and had special take-home activities available each day. I participated in the monthly meeting of SUP Medway, the new anti-drug coalition, on May 12. I made my monthly visit to the middle school on May 16 to bring them a selection of books to display.

I participated virtually in the Translate Gender summer programming planning group, which met weekly throughout May. As a result of those sessions, we will be co-presenting in-person programs, popups, and activities with Medfield Public Library over the summer.

I participated in two YSS meetings, one of which was my final meeting as secretary, a term I held for two years. The library participated in Medway Pride Day on May 21, and had a table with interactive STEAM projects, creative projects, and giveaways. I met with Steve Houde from the Medway Community Farm on May 24 and discussed working with the farm during their September harvest festival, and having our new environmental group tour the farm. I presented at the MLA Annual Conference on May 24. I worked with the Makerspace Coordinator to plan summer reading programming and raffle baskets, and visited Molly's Apothecary to enlist them as a prize donor.

Makerspace Report

Makerspace visitor count May: 120 (not everyone has been signing the guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - May 18 in the Makerspace - 6 children participated

Arduino Coding and Robotics - May 2, 9, 16, 23 in the Makerspace - 6 children / 5 mentors (will continue to meet every Monday night throughout the summer). 4 Children are working on robotic vehicles, 1 is working on a lock box, 1 is working on a motion sensor alarm device.
Cosplay Club - May 7 & 21 in the Makerspace - 9 children participated (will continue to meet twice per month for 1.5 hours).

Groups & Classes using the Makerspace:

Girl Scouts

Energy & Sustainability Committee

Friends of the Medway Library (book sale)

Creative Lettering Club

Dungeon & Dragons (utilized poster printer to create maps to use as visuals for the children along with lego minifigures)

Environmental Club

Teen Makerspace Takeover

Certified 2 patrons on the 3D printer.

Several patrons were given a tour of the room.

Diane has seen people using the VHS converters, Epson scanner, DVD buffer, Photoshop, laminator, poster printer, sewing machines, 3D printer, computers, soldering iron, glue gun as well as the fabric & yarn supply and general craft supplies.

Upcoming June program in the Makerspace:

Arduino Coding & Robotics (every Monday night)

STEAM Wednesday - June 15

Cosplay Club - June 11 & 25

Teen Makerspace Take Over - June 3 & 17

Dungeons & Dragons (will meet every Monday until June 27)

Creative Lettering Club (Wednesdays 4:30pm)

Environmental Club (Monday evenings)

Free Summer lunches are starting June 28. After lunch activities will be in the Makerspace:

Family activities:

6/28: Tinkerlab

6/29: Creative Lettering Club

6/30: Dominos

Meetings & Webinars in May included:

Department Manager Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Ryan Dowd's programs: Mental Illness, Part 2

HR Series: Recruiting a Diverse Workforce

Substance Use Prevention Medway Coalition Meeting

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Department Manager Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

SUP Medway Coalition Meeting

Minuteman Library Network Membership (Directors) Meeting

MIIA EAP: Expert Communication

HR Series: Manage the Interview

MLA Programming Planning Section

Building and Grounds

DPW is working on many library projects in May and June, including re-roofing the flat section of the roof, replacing sprinkler pipes in the attic, replacing the formica surface of the circulation desk, and replacing dehumidifiers.

Issues with recycling pickup were resolved.

The Medway Garden Club has been working hard to enhance the flower gardens in front of and around the Library.

Other

We held a successful Zoom focus group meeting at the end of April to get input on improvements that adult Medway residents would like to see at the Library. A Zoom focus group meeting for teens and tweens will be held in June.

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