

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
September 7, 2021

In August, 230 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in August:

- Free Summer Lunches
- Thursday Story Times - Online Live
- Friday Story Times in Choate Park
- Monday & Tuesday Toddler Jams in Choate Park
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- Medway Balloon Society
- Henry the Juggler

Programs in September will include:

- Free Summer Lunches
- Thursday Story Times - Online Live
- Friday Storytimes - Park version
- Monday & Tuesday Toddler Jams in Choate Park
- PAWS to Read
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- Medway Balloon Society
- Climate Change Book Group

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

Miss Amy is back! Her Toddler Jam programs in the park are getting great numbers, and so far the weather has been cooperating. We are still doing StoryTime in the park on Fridays as well and are finding those to be successful. Our summer reading event co-promoted with Medway Parks and Rec, Henry the Juggler, was seriously well-attended, and we will be planning next summer with an eye to sharing more events with Parks and Rec, if possible.

Summer reading is now over, and we had almost 250 (247) registrants who logged a combined total of almost 3,000 books (2,985). There were seven raffle baskets (five for children and two for teens), and all baskets have been happily won and claimed. The Friends of the Medway Library did an amazing job putting together these prizes, and there was a huge amount of interest--we had almost 600 (597) tickets filled out and submitted. The Friends not only put together some amazing prizes, but they were also able to get gift certificates donated from An Unlikely Story and Muffin House Cafe. We very much appreciate their efforts in making this year's summer reading program a successful one.

Makerspace Report

Makerspace visitor count August: 96 (not everyone has been signing guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

Arduino Coding & Robotics - Meets weekly on Monday nights.

Medway Balloon Society - Meets weekly on Wednesday evenings.

People are starting to use the Makerspace again. Diane has seen people using the Large Format Printer, VHS/DVD converter, 3D printer, DVD Buffer, laminator, sewing machines as well as just coloring with their children. She has also certified 5 people to use the 3D printer.

Weekly help with the equipment on the Tech side started Thursday, Aug 5 from 10am-12pm.

DVD Buffer is fixed.

Meetings & Webinars in August included:

Senator Markey Emergency Connectivity Fund Virtual Event

Phil McNulty, New England Library Association Information Technology Section meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Medway Master Plan

Tour of Library - Facilities review

Meetings & Webinars in September will include:

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Family Homelessness Webinar

Ryan Dowd Webinar

New England Library Association Information Technology Section meeting

Minuteman Library Network Directors' Meeting

Building and Grounds

Several more spots of water leakage, primarily in the Fiction area, were discovered. These were checked out by DPW.

Work orders were entered for removal of an almost dead tree in front of the library building, and fallen broken branches from two other trees.

Technology

The library has received 4 new hotspots from TechSoup, as well as 10 hotspots through Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Public Hotspot program, funded through the American Rescue Program Act. Some issues have to be resolved prior to putting these hotspots in service.

Other

The Summer Lunch program is completed. A total of 645 people were served, thanks to the generosity of many individuals and organizations, and the hard work of the Friends of the Library and numerous volunteers.

We are planning to welcome two new substitute library assistants during September.

I am working on the annual State Financial report, which is due to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners on October 1st.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director