

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
October 5, 2021

In September, 165 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in September:

- 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

Programs in October will include:

- 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
- Partnering with Tewksbury:
 - Discussion with Lisa Unger
 - Discussion with Jeffrey Archer
- STEAM up your Wednesdays
- Stephano movie
- Library Halloween

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

September was a good transitional month, and we're still getting a great response to having Miss Amy back! We're going to try and take Toddler Jam and It's Story Time! through October outside in the park, in the pavilion if it rains. PAWS to Read is ready to go, and although it did not get off the ground in September (we were ready but our takers were not), there are a few signups for the October dates. We expected to have people back in the building by now, but that isn't going to happen for a while, so kits for kids and teens continue to be popular offerings. We were excited to get a response (via Google Form) on the Oakland Park StoryWalk; a young patron submitted their favorite chipmunk sighting from the StoryWalk and came in to collect a small prize pack. October should bring more of the same (yoga, Toddler Jam, It's Story Time!, Among Us) and an outdoor Halloween event at the end of the month.

Makerspace Report

Makerspace visitor count September: 36 (not everyone has been signing guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - 9/29 via Zoom - 11 people

Medway Balloon Society - Meets weekly on Wednesday evenings.

I have seen people using the 3D printer, DVD Buffer, laminator, fabric & patterns as well as just coloring with their children. I have also certified 2 people to use the 3D printer.

Barry from Medway Cable Access has started his weekly help sessions on Wednesday from 2-4pm. He is currently working on a how-to document for the new desktop software that goes with the Epson scanner.

Upcoming classes

Arduino Coding & Robotics will start up again on Nov 1 in-person

STEAM Wednesday - Oct 13 & 27 (via Zoom)

Meetings & Webinars in September included:

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Department Manager Meeting

Family Homelessness Webinar

In the Know with NE Library Association/Information Technology Section

Author talks: *How to Prepare for Climate Change* with David Pogue

Minuteman Library Network Directors' Meeting

Massachusetts Library Association: Leadership & Management Section meeting

Massachusetts Library Association: Adult Services section meeting

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Department Manager Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

The Librarian's Guide to Homelessness - Ryan Dowd

Minuteman Library Network Technology Interest Group

In the Know with NE Library Association/Information Technology Section

Massachusetts Library Association Programming Planning Section Meeting

Building and Grounds

Changes and additions to capital improvement requests for next year are due on October 7th.

One addition may be replacing the formica on the large table in Tech Services.

We picked up three book carts in good condition from a library that was giving them away.

Technology

The 10 hotspots received through Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners Public Hotspot program and funded through the American Rescue Program Act are now available for loan to patrons.

Other

A patron brought in a Monarch Butterfly chrysalis from a larva that she found on a Milkweed plant in front of the library to put on display at the Library. It emerged from the chrysalis on Friday morning the 24th of September, and we released it the following day. It promptly flew to the top of a nearby tree in preparation for its trip to Mexico.

We welcomed two additional library substitutes in September.

I submitted the State Financial report to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director