

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
November 1, 2021

In September, 141 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in October:

- 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
- PAWS to Read
- Library Halloween
- Author talk - Lisa Unger, with Tewksbury Public Library
- Author talk - Jeffrey Archer, with Tewksbury Public Library
- Medway Balloon Society
- STEAM up your Wednesdays

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- Historical Fiction Panel, with Ashland Public Library
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Children's/YA Librarian Report (Audrey Snowden):

October saw Miss Amy and Miss Audrey in the park for Toddler Jam and It's Story Time! and we also provided take-and-make crafts (two for kids and two for teens). Our Library Halloween event gave out books, took Halloween portraits, and had games and candy for 97 participants. Our next big push is the gingerbread festival, and we hope to start more in-person programming in the new year.

Makerspace Report

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

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - 10/13 & 10/27 via Zoom - 10 people each

Medway Balloon Society - Meets first Saturday of each month

certified 2 people on the 3D printer

Diane has seen people using the VHS converter, soldering iron, 3D printer, DVD Buffer, laminator, poster printer as well as taking yarn for personal projects.

Upcoming classes

Arduino Coding & Robotics will start up again on Nov 15 in-person

STEAM Wednesday - Nov 15 (via Zoom)

Other

The Weather Balloon Society has put together a display of the 3 weather balloons that were launched this year. It is in the display case.

Meetings & Webinars in October included:

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Department Manager Meeting

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

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Massachusetts Library System Annual Meeting

Building and Grounds

I will meet with the liaison from the Capital Improvement Planning Committee this week, and with the Committee at the end of November or in December.

I have proposed using CARE funds to fix the lack of air exchange issues on the lower level of the Library.

Other

Medway Marches donated a large painting of Frederick Douglass, created in part by the children of Medway as part of Medway Marches' Juneteenth and one year anniversary event. We plan to display the painting in the Cole Room.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director