

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
November 1, 2022

In August and September, 55 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in October:

- Halloween book giveaway (40+)
- Storyhours (twice a week) (106 attendees)
- Outdoor Toddler Jam at Choate Park (twice a week) (40 attendees)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- PAWS to Read (One dog, 3 attendees)
- Creative Art in the Makerspace
- STEAM Up Your Wednesday
- Arduino Coding & Robotics
- Teen & Tweens Dungeons & Dragons (8 attendees)
- Read the Rainbow Book Club (3 attendees)
- Medway Area Rainbow Community & OUT Metrowest
- Adult Dungeons & Dragons
- Medway Fiber Arts Group
- Medway Cable Access Makerspace Training
- Indigenous Peoples Day: Story Hour, book display
- The Forgotten Nations: Native Tribes of New England (virtual, with other libraries)
- Water Protection Rights and Spirituality (virtual, with other libraries)
- Haunted Lighthouses of New England with Jeremy D'Entremount (virtual, with other libraries)

Programs in November will include:

- Dinovember
- Storyhours (twice a week)
- Toddler Jam at the Library (twice a week, beginning 10/31)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- PAWS to Read
- Creative Art in the Makerspace
- STEAM up your Wednesday at the Medway Library
- Arduino Coding & Robotics
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- Medway Fiber Arts Group

Children's/YA Librarian Report:

The Children's/YA Librarian is currently on leave. Two of our Substitute Library Assistants and a Senior Tax Program volunteer are handling the story hours. The PAWS to Read to a dog program continues to be held monthly.

Makerspace Report (Diane Busa):

Makerspace visitor count October: 118 (not everyone has been signing the guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - October 12 - 5 people

Arduino Coding and Robotics - 8 children / 5 mentors.

Cosplay Club - October 29 - 8 children

Adult Dungeons & Dragons - Thursdays - 6 participants

Teen & Tween Dungeons & Dragons - Mondays

Creative Art Club- October 5 & 19

Groups & Classes using the Makerspace:

Fiber Art Group - meets every other Tuesday (open to anyone who love to knit, crochet, embroider, etc)

Medway Cable Access Makerspace Tutorial - October 27 - 12 signups

certifications:

Soldering iron - 9 people

3d printer - 10 people

Diane has seen people using the Green Screen, DVD buffer, 8mm converter, VHS converters, Epson scanner, Photoshop, sewing machines, 3D printer, computers, soldering iron, fabric & yarn supply and general craft supplies.

Upcoming November programs in the Makerspace:

Arduino Coding & Robotics - Monday nights 6:30-8:30pm

STEAM Wednesday - November 16 - 4pm

Middle School Drop off - Wednesdays starting Nov 2 from 2:30-4pm

Creative Art Club - Wednesdays at 4pm (except Nov 16 & 23)

other:

The High School Art Club will be teaching middle schoolers on December 6th from 4-5pm how to make foam stamped cards. They will also hold another session in April.

Meetings & Webinars in October included:

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
SUP Medway Coalition Meetings
SUP Medway Focus Group
SUP Health Equity Training
Open Source ILS meeting
Native American & Indigenous Peoples Committee
Indigenous Peoples Day program at Choate Park
Criterion Early Intervention Program Resource Fair for clinicians

Meetings & Webinars in November will include:

Department Head Meeting
Visit from Minuteman Library Network Director
Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
Massachusetts Library System Annual Meeting
Medway Town Meeting
Native American & Indigenous Peoples Committee Meeting
SUP Medway Coalition Meeting

Building and Grounds

- Dehumidifier replacement has been evaluated but has not yet begun
- The Parks Department/DPW has beautified the library grounds, completing extensive landscaping, and allowing more light to enter the building.
- Two areas of grass between the parking spacing on the street side were removed by DPW. This will provide at least two more parking spaces and will make plowing easier.

A representative of the Capital Improvements Committee and I discussed the Capital Improvement Requests and their priority. I sought recommendations from other Massachusetts libraries for recommendations for artists to paint murals in the Children's area and the Story Hour room, and received several recommendations.

Other

The lower level was open 17 nights in October, for 9 meetings and programs, and 23 individuals using computers and the Makerspace.

I submitted the State Aid Report.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director