

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
December 5, 2022

In November, 49 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in November:

- Storyhours (twice a week)
- Toddler Jam at the Library (twice a week, beginning 10/31)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- PAWS to Read
- Middle School Activities
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- PAWS to Read
- Library Book Group
- STEAM up your Wednesday at the Medway Library
- Arduino Coding & Robotics
- Teen & Tweens Dungeons & Dragons
- Oh Shoot: Photo Group
- Read the Rainbow Book Club
- Creative Art Club
- Medway Area Rainbow Community & OUT Metrowest
- Adult Dungeons & Dragons
- Medway Fiber Arts Group

Programs in December will include:

- Storyhours (twice a week)
- Toddler Jam at the Library (twice a week, beginning 10/31)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- PAWS to Read
- Watercolors
- Library Book Group
- Middle School Activities
- STEAM up your Wednesday at the Medway Library
- Arduino Coding & Robotics
- Teen & Tweens Dungeons & Dragons
- Oh Shoot: Photo Group
- Paint and Sip @ the Library
- After School Art Class: Winter Prints
- Read the Rainbow Book Club
- Creative Art Club
- Medway Area Rainbow Community & OUT Metrowest

- Adult Dungeons & Dragons
- Medway Fiber Arts Group

The Medway Public Library is collaborating with the Tewksbury Library and many other Massachusetts libraries to present a 50+ Job Seekers Networking Group, from January - June, 2023.

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. One of our Substitute Library Assistants is teaching some of the art programs. The Medway Cultural Council funded the cost of materials for the Adult watercolor program and the Teen Paint & Sip programs. The PAWS to Read to a dog program continues to be held monthly.

Thanks are due to all of the employees and volunteers who have gone above and beyond to continue a variety of excellent children's and young adult programming. Three hundred and thirty children and adults attended these programs in November.

Makerspace Report (Diane Busa):

Makerspace visitor count November: 133 (not everyone has been signing the guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - November 16 - 11 people

Arduino Coding and Robotics - Mondays - 8 children / 4 mentors. (ongoing)

Adult Dungeons & Dragons - Thursdays - 6 participants (ongoing)

Teen & Tween Dungeons & Dragons - Mondays (fall session ending December 14) - 4 participants

Creative Art Club- November 2, 9, 30

Middle School Drop off - November 2, 9, 16, 30

Groups & Classes using the Makerspace:

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

certifications:

3d printer - 1 person

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

Upcoming December programs in the Makerspace:

Adult Watercolors - December 1 & 8 - materials paid for by Medway Cultural Council Grant

Teen Paint & Sip - December 3 & 10 - materials paid for by Medway Cultural Council Grant

The High School Art Club - winter prints tutorial - December 6th from 4-5pm - class is full with a wait list

Creative Art Club - December 7

Middle School Drop off - December 7 & 14 from 2:30-4pm

STEAM Wednesday - December 14 - 4pm

Meetings & Webinars in November included:

Department Head Meeting

Visit from Minuteman Library Network Director

Minuteman Library Network Membership Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Massachusetts Library System Annual Meeting

Medway Town Meeting

New England Library Association - IT committee meeting

SUP Medway Coalition Meeting

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Meeting

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Department Head Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee Meeting

SUP Medway Coalition Meetings

Aspen Discovery Webinar (Minuteman Library Network

Recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce

Homeless De-escalation 201: Non-verbal tools

Building and Grounds

DPW is preparing for replacement of over 100 recalled sprinklers.

We have an approved estimate for replacement of dehumidifiers.

Other

The lower level was open 16 nights in November, for 7 meetings and programs, and 18 individuals using computers and the Makerspace.

A patron fell in the back parking lot on 12/5/22. We called 911, emergency medical personnel arrived quickly and evaluated the patron. Transport was not required.

The Library received a generous donation of a large number of new children's books with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. Medway Marches worked with a local company to facilitate this wonderful donation.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director