

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
December 7, 2021

In September, 107 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in November:

- 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
- Historical Fiction Panel, with Ashland Public Library
- Medway Balloon Society
- STEAM up your Wednesdays

Programs in December will include:

- Thursday Story Times - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- PAWS to Read
- Chess Group
- Dementia Friends with Salmon Health & Retirement, presented by Diane Tonelli
- Author Talk - David Baldacci, with Tewksbury Library
- Medway Balloon Society
- STEAM up your Wednesdays

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

November saw the end of our outdoor programming for the season, but there were strong numbers right up to the end! We started tapering off kits, planning to finish up in December and begin in-person programming in January--this seems, again, to have been premature. We are going back to the drawing board. December will bring our take-home gingerbread festival, and we are so very grateful to the Friends for putting that together for the community.

Makerspace Report

Makerspace visitor count November: 64 (not everyone has been signing guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - 11/17 via Zoom - 11 people

Medway Balloon Society - Meets first Saturday of each month

Arduino Coding & Robotics - meets every Monday night in-person - 7 children are participating

People have been using space for crafts, using the VHS converter, 8mm converter, Epson slide converter, laminator, poster printer, sewing machines, as well as taking yarn for personal projects.

Upcoming December classes:
Arduino Coding & Robotics weekly in-person
STEAM Wednesday - Dec 8 (via Zoom)

Other:
WPI Middle School STEM Experience (part of their pre-Collegiate Outreach Programs) will host a STEAM Wednesday on February 9th.

Meetings & Webinars in November included:

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
Department Manager Meeting
Massachusetts Library System Annual Meeting
MHEC 2021 Virtual Membership Conference
Half the Victory: Preparing for the Opioid Crisis
Leadership & Management Section of Mass Library Association
Minuteman Library Network Technology Interest Group
Capital Improvement Planning Committee Meeting

Meetings & Webinars in December will include:

Department Manager Meeting
Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
Information Technology Section, New England Library Association
Minuteman Library Network Reference Interest Group
Mass Library Association Programming Planning Section Meeting
United for Libraries Learning Live

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

I met with a member of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee at the beginning of November and with the Committee at the end of the month to discuss proposed capital improvements and how best to prioritize them.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director