

Medway Public Library  
Director's Report  
February 6, 2023

In December, 57 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

**Programs in January:**

- Storyhours (twice a week)
- Toddler Jam at the Library (twice a week, beginning 10/31)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- PAWS to Read
- Middle School Hangout
- Cosplay Club
- Read the Rainbow book club
- Arduino Coding & Robotics
- Teen & Tweens Dungeons & Dragons
- Library Book Group
- Oh Shoot: Photo Group
- Adult Dungeons & Dragons
- Medway Fiber Arts Group
- 50+ Job Seeking Networking Group (online)

**Programs in February will include:**

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- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- PAWS to Read
- Middle School Hangout
- Cosplay Club
- Read the Rainbow Book Club
- Arduino Coding & Robotics
- Teen & Tweens Dungeons & Dragons
- STEAM up your Wednesday at the Medway Library
- Paint and Sip Teens @ the Library
- Library Book Group
- Oh Shoot: Photo Group
- Adult Dungeons & Dragons
- Medway Fiber Arts Group

- Yarn Dyeing
- Medway Area Rainbow Community & OUT Metrowest
- 50+ Job Seeking Networking Group (online)

### **Children's/YA Librarian Report:**

The Children's/YA Librarian is currently on leave. Several library assistants and volunteers, as well as the Makerspace Coordinator, are continuing to run programs. In January, 270 children and teens attended programs, 38% more than during the previous month. .

### **Makerspace Report (Diane Busa):**

Makerspace visitor count January: 166 (not everyone has been signing the guest book)

#### Workshops & Classes:

Arduino Coding and Robotics - Mondays (Jan 9 & 30) - 6 children / 4 mentors.  
(ongoing)

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

Cosplay club - Learn to Sew - (Jan 28) - 8 participants

Teen & Tween Dungeons & Dragons - (Jan 30) - 5 participants

Middle School Drop off - Wednesday afternoons (Jan 11, 18, 25) - 15 to 17 participants  
(ongoing)

#### Groups & Classes Using the Makerspace:

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

Read the Rainbow Book Club - Our YA book club that focusing on **LGBTQ+** themed books

#### Equipment Use:

Noticed people using 8mm converter, VHS converters, Epson scanner, Large format printer, computers, laminator, sewing machines, fabric & yarn supply and general craft supplies. The projector and screen is used weekly during Arduino & the Middle School program.

#### Other News:

The middle school drop off continues to grow in popularity. We will most likely continue until the end of the year.

#### Upcoming February Programs in the Makerspace:

Paint N Sip - Teens - February 11 - 11am

Middle School Drop off - February 8, 15 from 2:30-4pm  
Read the Rainbow Book Club - February 14 - 4pm  
STEAM Wednesday - February 15 - 4pm  
Tween & Teen D&D - February 13 - 4pm  
Adult Dungeons & Dragons - Thursdays  
Yarn Dyeing - February 25 & March 4  
Arduino Coding & Robotics (Monday nights)

**Meetings & Webinars in January included:**

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts  
Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee Meeting  
SUP Medway Coalition Meetings  
New England Library Association Information Technology Zoom meeting  
Central Massachusetts Library Advocates  
Budget Review meeting with Town Manager and Finance Director/Town Accountant  
Homeless De-escalation Workshop 201

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Select Board Meeting - Director's appointment to Indigenous People's Day Committee  
Department Managers' Meeting  
Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts  
Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee Meeting  
SUP Medway Coalition Meetings  
Homeless De-Escalation 301: Preventing conflict

**Building and Grounds**

During a rainstorm, there was some roof leakage near the stairs. DPW arranged for a roofing company to repair the area affected, and there have been no problems since.

The Library will be closed on Friday, February 10th, so that the new sprinklers can be installed to replace the ones that were recalled.

DPW offered to paint the interior of the Library. They have almost finished the entire lower level, with the exception of the Makerspace which had been recently painted. The rooms look wonderful, much brighter than they were previously. DPW plans to begin work on the upper level on Friday, February 10th, while the library is closed.

We have been having some issues with the heating control system. A technician came out and repaired one zone, and DPW and I have been working with the company to adjust other sections of the heating system.

**Other**

The lower level was open 15 nights in December, for 15 meetings and programs, and 17 individuals using computers and the Makerspace.

Minuteman Library Network installed a new router at the Library.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director