

Medway Public Library

Director's Report (Budget Report will follow)

May 30, 2025

Statistics

There were **29** new patrons in April. A total of **457** new items were added. A total of **8,472** items were circulated. During the evenings, there were **41** individual patrons.

Building Maintenance

Peter Pelletier and Nolan Lynch of DPW came to the Library twice to check on the status of the carpet near the Historical Room and the Story Hour room floor near the door. DPW confirmed that there are no cracks on the walls nearby, which indicates that the structural components are in good shape. Pete and Nolan agreed that the best course of action would be to keep an eye on those areas. They have fixed a gutter outside the Story Hour room, which might be helpful. We placed a couch over the tiles in the Story Hour room. Tape on the baseboard will allow DPW to identify any shift in location.

Director's Meetings & Webinars in May included:

Department Heads Meeting

Zoom meeting with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Annual Town Meeting

Staff meeting

Minuteman Library Network Meeting

SUP Policy Committee Meeting

Director's Meetings & Webinars in June will include:

Department Heads Meeting

Zoom meeting with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Staff Meeting

ARSL Northeast Regional

ARSL Membership Meeting

May 1st to May 28th Adult Programs Report

We had 88 people participate in our adult programming.

Our monthly programs continue to have a steady attendance. The Medway Library Book Discussion Group attracted sixteen enthusiastic patrons. The OH SHOOT! Photography Group session had six participants. Seven patrons enjoyed learning about Enchanted Plants, and two patrons attended the Reflections of a Travel Addict with Matt Davis program. Seven people also joined us in the Makerspace for the MBLC's virtual pilot program: *So you want to be a trustee?*

The Senior Housing Outreach program had five participants who borrowed 10 books in total. Our Adult Game Night drew five participants this month.

Our young adult Dungeons & Dragons group (18-25 yrs olds) continues to meet on Mondays, and the adult D&D group continues to meet during the weeks that work for everybody in the group.

Three patrons took advantage of our new Tech Help program on Tuesdays.

The Library Webinars and Online Events (Library Speaker Consortium) subscription held three virtual online talks. There were 0 views/registrations for *Conversation with Dr. David H. Rosmarin*, 4 views out of 5 registrations for *Conversation with Author Liann Zhang*, and *Conversation with Author Rachelle Bergstein* received 1 view out of 3 registrations. We have also partnered with Groton and Ashland Library to provide additional virtual programs. This month's collaborations were on *Champions of Change: The Fight for Equality and the Early Women's Movement with Charlotte, Masters of Song: Aretha Franklin with Clint Edwards*, and *Inspired Garden Design Lessons from Magnificent Gardens and Gardeners with Kerry Ann Mendez*.

From May 1st to May 28th, one person accessed the AtoZ World Food website to view 2 pages.

Some upcoming programs:

On June 10th, we will be hosting *Autism Advocacy and Allyship* at 6:30 pm in the Cole room.

Our June virtual programs will include *Death in the National Parks: Who, How, and Why* with Author Randi Minetor on June 2nd at 7pm, *Author Alexis Prescott Discusses "The First Witches"* on June 5th at 2pm, *A Chat With Edward Underhill* on June 9th at 7pm, *Summer Romance Beach Read Recommendations with Lorelei of Lorelei's Lit Lair* on June 16th at 7pm, *Creating A Tech-Healthy Family* on June 17th at 7pm, and *"Dead End Road" with True Crime Author E.C. Hanson* on June 23rd at 7pm, as well as three Library Speaker Consortium programs.

May 1st - May 28th Makerspace Trustees Report

For May, the overall people counter in the Makerspace is 3247 incoming & 4114 outgoing. The large difference is because of the Friends book sale. Usually the two numbers are closer and the average is divided by four, however because of the book sale, this method would inflate the number of people using the room. It is more accurate to go with last month's estimate of **650** people either using the equipment, wanting a tour to see what we offered, or hanging out in the space. The space continues to have a healthy amount of children as well as adults using the space to work on the 3D printer, play computer games, or sew and craft.

Three people participated in Morning Mend's May session to seek help mending their clothing, and The Fiber Arts Group met at Choate Park this month.

The May STEAM program had seven attendees creating solar ovens and were given ingredients for s'mores to bake in their ovens at home. This was the last STEAM for the school year. The next session will begin again in September.

Eight patrons enjoyed a night of painting and sipping mocktails and we are planning on hosting this event again in the future.

The room has also been used by the Stamp Club for their monthly meetings.

One new person was certified on the sewing machine and one patron needed help with using their personal machine.

One patron was certified on the 3D printer.

For a more detailed look into the usage of the space: Patrons used the laminator, large format printer, 8mm converter, and VHS to digital & DVD converters. The computers and 3D printers were also heavily used. On the craft side, the paints and the paper crafting and other cutting supplies were used throughout the month. Several patrons, including elementary and middle school age children, used the sewing machines along with the large conference table to work on projects. Patrons have also been using the knitting needles, fabric, and yarn supplies.

In June, we will continue to open the Makerspace to middle schoolers on Tuesdays and Thursdays to come and hang out. Morning Mend will be held on Saturday, June 14th, and the regular programs that use the Makerspace will continue to meet as well. On Monday, June 9th, a middle schooler will be teaching their peers how to sew a stuffed frog.

Sincerely

Diane Busa, Makerspace Coordinator

May Report - Tech Services

This month I:

- Catalogued 192 Adult books, 35 Children's books, 13 Young Adult books, 3 Library of Things items, and 15 Media items
- Publicized upcoming monthly programs on Instagram, Wowbrary newsletter, and Facebook
- Ordered and maintained inventory of office supplies and Ingram book orders

Three LoT items added this month:

- Portable Music Keyboard
- Lego Set
- Slide Projector