

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

January 9, 2023

Library Staff: Staff review process will begin in January. I attended a workshop for new directors in December. We still have an open library aide position. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: With the year almost complete, we have used just over 93.5% of the budget. More expenses will be charged to the 2023 budget. Books close the end of January. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Circulation was up 7% in December and added 21 new card holders. 2023 circulation increased 4.85% and visits by 26% from 2022.

Programs. We had 215 programs in 2023, with 19 in December. Some highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
12/1/23	Starry Starry Wands	48
12/5/23	Contookuleles	12
12/19/23	Contookuleles Singalong	25
12/22/23	Construction Zone	19

Sarah Hofe hosted an informal book club in December, centering around favorite reads for the year. We held two storytimes in December, totaling 95 attendees. Given her large numbers, on 1/23 Jenny plans on walking the Story Walk in anticipation of a larger crowd due to schools being closed.

Passive programming totaled 392. Current passive programming includes “Best Book You Read in 2023” and our ever-popular scavenger hunt.

Coming up in January we have:

Date	Program
1/17/24 @ 1pm	Book Discussion Group (<i>Mexican Gothic</i> by Silvia Moreno-Garcia)
1/18/24 @ 6pm	Introduction to Needle Felting
1/20/24 @11am	Squam Lakes Natural Science Center presents “Why Do Animals Do That?”
1/24/24 11am-1pm	Construction Zone
1/25/24 @ 6:30pm	Flock of New Hampshire Poets

Goal One 4a&b

Building. Our sprinkler system was inspected, and we had our annual boiler maintenance. In 2024, we are due for a full system trip for our sprinkler system. The Tech advised we schedule it earlier than late November to not have to worry about ice around the outdoor release valve and do it on a day the building is closed. They noted our account to schedule in October.

Community Connections: Jenny is having a local therapy dog visit for children to read to. Barrel and Basket reached out to collaborate on programming. We’re working on scheduling a “Cookies with Cass” again this year.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen