

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

February 20, 2024

Library Staff: We are in the process of hiring a new circulation assistant. I attended a workshop on Artificial Intelligence and a webinar about spring book releases. A volunteer who is a nurse came to our staff meeting on Friday, 2/16, to give staff a refresher on using the AED machine. Special thanks to Chief Yale for letting us borrow the CPR dummies and teaching AED machine. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: The town audit is this week and I have provided the backup documents (bank statements, treasurer's reports, minutes etc.) for the library. We are operating without an approved budget until Town Meeting on Thursday, March 21st. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Circulation was up 15% in January, as were library visits. We added 26 new card holders. Goal One 1a 4a, Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs. We had 21 programs in January. Some highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
1/12/24	Art Start	27
1/18/24	Intro to Needle Felting	16
1/20/24	Squam Lake Natural Science Center	111
1/25/24	Flock of NH Poets	16

We held four storytimes in January, totaling 102 attendees. Passive programming totaled 362. Current passive programming includes Winter Reading Challenge (one for kids and one for teens/adults) and Zentangle coloring.

Coming up we have:

Date	Program
2/21 @ 1pm	Book Discussion Group (<i>Memoirs of Stockholm Sven</i> by Nathaniel Ian Miller)
2/22 @ 6pm	Felted Succulents
2/23 @10:30am	Play and Learn (preschool STEAM)
2/27 @ 2pm	Construction Zone
2/29 @ 6:30pm	Flock of New Hampshire Poets
3/5 @ 1pm	Cookies with Cass
3/7 @ 3pm	Muffins with Mike (Flynn)
3/8 @ 10:30am	Art Start
3/10 @ 2pm	New England Irish Harp Orchestra

Goal One 4a&b

Building. Our HVAC filters were changed. Bow Plumbing and Heating changed our filters for our water fountains. Goal Two 2a and e.

Community Connections: "Cookies with Cass" is scheduled (3/5) and we have added "Muffins with Mike" on 3/7, which will allow the community to come discuss the school district budget and warrant articles with Superintendent Flynn ahead of the annual school district meeting on March 9th. Jenny is coordinating with the Kindergarten classes for the annual visit to the library.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen