

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
March 19, 2023

Library Staff: Lauren Rettig joined the staff at the beginning of the month. Her regular days will be Tuesday evenings and Saturdays. Lauren is a resident and has library experience. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: The town audit is complete. We continue operating without an approved budget until Town Meeting on Thursday, March 21st. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Library visits for February were up 3%. Public computer usage was up 80% over February 2023. Circulation is up in both print and digital formats for a combined 25% increase. Goal One 1a 4a, Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs. We had 19 programs in February and 10 so far in March. Some highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
2/22/24	Felted Succulents	15
2/29/24	Flock of NH Poets	13
3/5/24	Cookies with Cass	27
3/7/24	Muffins with Mike	19
3/10/24	New England Irish Harp Orchestra	87
3/14/24	Books & Bubble Tea	19

Two of our storytimes had more than forty attendees. Our average year-to-date is 32 attendees. We did not host a storytime the week of February vacation.

Coming up we have:

Date	Program
3/20 @ 1pm	Book Discussion Group (<i>Hester: A Novel</i> by Laurie Lico Miller)
3/22 @ 10:30am	Exploration Stations (STEAM)
3/23 @ 10am	Spring Craft (part of the HOP-kinton Egg Scramble with the rec department)
3/26 @ 6:30pm	Flock of New Hampshire Poets
3/28 @ 4pm	Silent Book Club (teen/tween event)

Goal One 4a&b

Building. Irish Electric converted the lights in the vestibule to LEDs and installed an emergency light. Goal Two 2a and e.

Community Connections: “Cookies with Cass” and “Muffins with Mike” were a success. This Saturday, 3/23, The Hopkinton Recreation Department is hosting the HOP-kinton Egg Scramble. As part of that, Jenny will be hosting a drop-in crafting event with help from Interact volunteers. Tax-Aide, a free tax preparation service from AARP, has returned to the library. They are in the Community Room every Wednesday and Thursday in February and March from 9am-3pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen