

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

January 3, 2023

Library Staff: The staff review process will begin in January. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: With the year almost complete, we have used just over 96% of the budget. The books will be open until the end of January and more expenses will be charged to the 2022 budget in the weeks ahead. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Our full circulation statistics report is not available until later in the month, but we do have information on the use of our community spaces including the quiet study rooms, which was up by over 70% over last year this time. Library visits were up by 25% over last year and we had 19 new library cards issued, compared to 14 in December 2021. Goal One 1a 4a Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs.

In December, our programming was focused on kids and families.

| PROGRAM | PARTICIPANTS |
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| Puppet Program (Starry Starry Wkend) | 96 |
| Noon Year's Eve | 24 |

Upcoming programs include:

- “Buildwave” Event (Thursday January 5th 4pm) A hands on building game for K-6th graders, with lots of building materials, animation and music. Registration Required.
- Community Art Show Opening (Friday January 6th 5-6 PM). Winter-themed work is up in our gallery by 25 local artists and crafters
- Poetry Conversation with LR Berger. (Thursday January 19th 6:30pm) Registration Required.

Goal One 4a-b Goal Two 2c

Building. The proposed patio project will be a central topic of conversation at the January meeting. The library foundation met in December and decided to commit partial support to the effort. We have four bids for the work, coming in at an average of \$125,500. Trustees should discuss next steps, a timeline and fundraising plan. We already have two new gifts totaling \$2,000 from individual donors committed to the project.

Select board member Ken Traum visited the library before new year's to report on the fact that the new energy committee has been meeting and are interested in pursuing the installation of solar panels in town. He wanted to know the extent of the library's commitment to exploring solar and whether we think the lawn out in front of the library could be used for panels. He asked to be kept informed about library plans vis a vis energy conservation. Goal Two 2a and e.

Community Partnerships: The library is serving as a venue for ticket sales for the Hopkinton High School's production of “Frozen.” Goal Two 1k.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Dunlop