

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
October 17, 2023

Library Staff: Caroline will not be able to pick up extra hours after this week. Elissa has signed on to work one evening a week in November. Karen returns part-time on November 7th. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: We're 83% through the year and have used 73% of our budget. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Room usage is up 44% compared to last year and library visits are up 12%.

Programs. Storytime returned from our post-Summer Reading break on September 26th. LR Berger resumed the Flock of New Hampshire Poets series. This program series has developed a loyal following, with many patrons returning monthly. Sarah hosted her first book club on September 27th.

| Date | Program | # of Attendees |
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| 9/5/23 | Contookuleles | 15 |
| 9/13/23 | Flock of Poets | 15 |
| 9/19/23 | Contookuleles | 12 |
| 9/26/23 | Storytime | 15 |
| 9/27/23 | Book Club | 6 |
| 9/29/23 | Akwaaba Ensemble – drumming circle | 67 |

We did not host a book club in August. Upcoming programs include:

Preschool STEAM Play and Learn – 10/20 at 10:30am

Tibetan monks (sand mandala construction) – 10/24-10/28

Book Club –10/25 at 1pm

Pumpkin Walk Party – 10/28 from 4-5pm

Climate Change: How does it impact your health? – 11/8 at 6pm

Flock of NH Poets – 11/9 at 6:30pm

Goal One 4a&b

Building. The barn was lowered onto the new foundation, and they are backfilling. A large pine came down on the lawn across the drive from the library. The town is working on clearing it away. A local fiddle group found and donated a Steinway stand-up piano to the library. Our old piano was unable to hold a tune, so this is a great upgrade!

Community Connections: The drumming circle on September 29th was in partnership with the school district. On October 12th I went to a planning meeting, along with Jenny, for Starry Starry Weekend. We are partnering with the Rec Department and the Hopkinton PTA on October 28th for crafts and games before the Pumpkin Walk. Goal Two1K

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen