

Medway Public Library  
Director's Report  
January 4, 2022

In December, 118 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

**Programs in December:**

- Thursday Story Time - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits, including Gingerbread Houses (with Friends of the Library)
- Among Us
- Medway Library Chess Group
- Medway Balloon Society
- STEAM up your Wednesdays
- David Baldacci Discusses *Mercy* with Tewksbury and other libraries

**Programs in January will include:**

- Thursday Story Time - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- PAWS to Read
- Chess Group
- Dungeons & Dragons Campaign I
- Author Talk - David Baldacci, with Tewksbury Library
- Medway Balloon Society
- STEAM up your Wednesdays

**Children's/YA Librarian Report (Audrey Snowden):**

Participation fell off sharply when we stopped doing outdoor programming, and virtual numbers for storytime did not pick up the slack. Yoga is still getting some participation, but otherwise, we are mostly getting interaction through take-home activities and our weekly gaming. Next week we will start a D&D campaign via Zoom, in an effort to explore more virtual gaming, and we'll see how that goes.

Children's/YA Librarian, Audrey Snowden, visited the middle school for our monthly book dropoff and checkout period. The week before the visit, she sets aside anything the school librarian has requested from our order lists, and she comes over to do some shelf shopping. Then Audrey takes the cart of selections and checks them out to the middle school. When she delivers the books, she set them up on prominent display, and they stay up on display for kids to check out. The books stay on display for about a week and then the librarians return whatever remains back to us. We started doing this in October, kicking it off with a middle school library card campaign, and we're planning to expand to the high school in the spring.

## **Makerspace Report**

Makerspace visitor count December: 65 (not everyone has been signing guest book)

### Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - 12/8 via Zoom - 10 people

Medway Balloon Society - Meets first Saturday of each month

Arduino Coding & Robotics - meets every Monday night in-person - 7 children are participating

Makerspace Coordinator, Diane Busa, has seen people using space for using the computers, VHS converter, 8mm converter, epson slide converter, laminator, poster printer, sewing machines, 3D printer, soldering iron as well as taking yarn for personal projects.

Upcoming January classes:

Arduino Coding & Robotics weekly in-person (starts back up in a few weeks)

STEAM Wednesday - Jan 12 & 26 (via Zoom)

### **Meetings & Webinars in December included:**

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Department Manager Meeting

Information Technology Section, New England Library Association

Minuteman Library Network Reference Interest Group

Mass Library Association Programming Planning Section Meeting

United for Libraries Learning Live: Library Boards, Intellectual Freedom and Challenges

### **Meetings & Webinars in January will include:**

Department Manager Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Kick-off meeting for Environmental Monitoring Program (Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners)

Making Reasonable Accommodations (MA Municipal Association)

Massachusetts Library Association Programming Planning Section Meeting

Minuteman Library Network Membership Meeting

Massachusetts Leadership & Management Section Meeting

### **Building and Grounds**

Four ceiling hung light fixtures were replaced, including one fixture for which we could no longer obtain a light bulb. Additional lights were added to the Young Adult area. DPW assembled our large worktable, located in the Young Adult area.

DPW will redo many of the plantings around the library, beginning with removing several trees and other plantings.

### **Other**

The lower level was open 17 nights in December, used by 28 individuals and four meetings. I submitted proposed budget figures for FY23, which begins July 1, 2022.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director