

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
May 2, 2022

In April, 61 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in April:

- Outdoor Toddler Jam at Choate Park (in good weather)
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- Chess Group
- Dungeons & Dragons Campaign II
- STEAM up your Wednesdays
- Personal Finance Workshops for ages 17-30 (in collaboration with Tewksbury & many other libraries)
- Audubon Children's Program - Nature, Science and Art (through a grant from Medway Cultural Council)
- Jellyfish: How to pastel paint with Greg Maichack
- Neighborhood Forest free tree distribution
- Seed catalog now available (most packets donated through 4-H and labeled by 4-Hers)
- Chess Group
- Celebrating Ireland in Story and Song
- Nature in your neighborhood: The secret life of backyard and migratory birds (through a grant from the Medway Cultural Council)
- Wildlife Program - Medway/Millis' Animal Control Office

Programs in May will include:

- Storytimes
- Outdoor Toddler Jam at Choate Park (in good weather)
- Among Us
- PAWS to Read
- Chess Group
- Dungeons & Dragons Campaign III
- STEAM up your Wednesdays
- Chess Group
- North Sea Gas concert
- Dr. Kathleen Wolf discusses the mental health benefits of being in nature (virtual)
- Creative Lettering Club
- Teen Makerspace Takeover
- Cosplay Club
- Arduino Coding and Robotics
- A conversation with Michaela Doucleff: Hunt, Gather, Parent (virtual)

- PAWS to Read
- Town of Medway Pride Day

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

April saw the last of the kits, for the time being. We look forward to increased MakerSpace use moving forward! Miss Amy has brought back the Toddler Jam program to wild acclaim. We did manage to get in one storytime to kick off the season, too. Dungeons & Dragons continues to be popular, with a third campaign going live (in-person) in May, and Among Us has a consistent core group in attendance. We brought in a de facto youth focus group during school vacation for a MakerSpace tour, and the kids helped plan some spring and summer offerings, starting with May's first Friday night teen MakerSpace takeover.

Makerspace Report

Makerspace visitor count April: 78 (not everyone has been signing the guest book)

Workshops & Classes:

STEAM Wednesday - April 13 in the Makerspace - 6 children participated

Arduino Coding and Robotics - April 25 in the Makerspace - 7 children / 4 mentors (will continue to meet every Monday night until the end of the school year)

Certified 2 patrons on the 3D printer.

Several patrons were given a tour of the room.

Diane has seen people using the VHS converters, Epson scanner, Photoshop, laminator, poster printer, sewing machines, 3D printer, computers, soldering iron, glue gun as well as the fabric & yarn supply.

certified 1 person on the sewing machine.

Upcoming May program in the Makerspace:

Arduino Coding & Robotics (every Monday night)

Teen Makerspace Take Over - May 6

Cosplay Club - May 7 & 21 (hopefully it will turn into a bi-weekly or monthly club)

Dungeons & Dragons May 9 (will meet every Monday until June 13)

STEAM Wednesday - May 18

Meetings & Webinars in April included:

Department Manager Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Focus Group - Medway Master Plan

Keeping Governance on Track webinar (Robert's Rules)

Mental Illness - How to handle problematic behavior

HR series: Employment law for supervisors

Choke Saving Class

Minuteman Library Network Technology Interest Group
Mass Library Association Programming Planning Section

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Department Manager Meeting
Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
Medway Library Long Range Plan Focus Group - Meeting 1
Ryan Dowd's programs: Mental Illness, Part 2
North Sea Gas concert
Hunter, Gatherer, Parent book talk (with Ashland Public Library)
SUP Medway Coalition Meeting
Recruiting a Diverse Workforce
Minuteman Library Network Membership (Directors) Meeting
Town of Medway Pride Day

Building and Grounds

DPW is working on arranging to replace the horizontal sprinkler pipes in the attic, and the roofing material on the flat part of the roof. They are also arranging the replacement of the formica work surfaces in the circulation area.

Other

The lower level was open 15 nights in April, used by 22 individuals and for five meetings.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director