

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
June 1, 2021

In April, 647 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in May:

- Thursday and Friday Story Times - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- PAWS to Read - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- Animal Crossing Gaming Sessions
- STEAM Thursdays
- PAWS to Read - Online Live

4 Legs to Stand On - presented by Creating Outreach About Addiction Support Together-
*sponsored by Medway Cultural Council, Medway Lions Club, Medway Cable Access and
Medway Public Library*

- Dementia Friends
- Weather Balloon event

Programs in June will include:

- Thursday and Friday Story Times - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- Animal Crossing Gaming Sessions
- STEAM Thursdays
- Animal Tales with Diane Edgecomb
- The Cooking Gene: Tracing my African American Story through Food with Michael Twitty (shared with other libraries)

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

Our numbers are a bit down as we finish up this very strange spring and head into summer reading. We finished up PAWS to Read for the summer but will continue with story times, yoga, and gaming. Kits are still going well, and we had some luck with a (new-to-us) puppeteer. Summer reading is on the horizon. We will have one live event per month and two kits per week (kids and teens).

Meetings & Webinars in April included:

Medway Town Meeting
Department Heads Meeting
Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

[DEI Training Series] Leading Organizational Change in a Multicultural World
[DEI Training Series] Native Nations and your library: Discussion and Reflection
[DEI Training Series] Creating Accessible Virtual Programs for Children with Disabilities and their Families
Minuteman Library Network Membership (Directors') meeting
Dementia Friends presentation, with The Willows & Whitney Place
Medway Master Plan - interview with consult to discuss library facilities and services
Medway Master Plan Focus Group
Medway Master Plan Community Forum

Meetings & Webinars in June will include:

[DEI Training Series] Understanding Implicit Bias and the Impact of Racial Stereotyping
[DEI Training Series] Racial Microaggressions: What are They and Why are they Harmful
[DEI Training Series] Anti-Racist Allyship: What is our Role in the Struggle?
[DEI Training Series] Advanced Microaggressions: Guiding Staff Through Cross Cultural Conflict
New England Library Association Information Technology Section meeting
Annual Report Information Survey (ARIS) Workshop
Minuteman Library Network Membership Meeting
Librarianship, COVID-19, and Homelessness

Building

The Department of Public Works brought a large computer table, which we will set up in the Young Adult area, from a library that was giving it away.

DPW also moved the furniture that had been moved to the Cole Room earlier during the pandemic to the main floor, and moved the copier to a more convenient location.

Other

The Library is preparing for the summer lunch program.
The Library has been open on Thursdays from 4-8 and Fridays from 10-2 for about a month. As of June 1st, the Library is open normal hours from Monday through Friday.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director