

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
July 6, 2021

In June, 375 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in June:

- 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
- The Cooking Gene: Tracing my African American Story through Food with Michael Twitty (shared with other libraries)
- A Virtual Evening with Nate Marshall
- Animal Tales with Diane Edgecomb
- STEAM at Choate Park

Programs in July will include:

- Free Summer Lunches
- Thursday Story Times - Online Live
- Friday Storytimes - Park version
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us

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

Our numbers were way down for June, but this is not terribly surprising given the end of school and a generalized Zoom fatigue. We're going to keep going with yoga on Facebook, but will split our storytimes between Zoom and live sessions in the park, for the rest of the summer. Kits remain popular and we'll keep doing those as well.

The Summer Reading Program is underway, and there are some great prizes!

Meetings & Webinars in June included:

Medway Town Meeting

Department Heads Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

[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?

ARIS Report Training

Librarianship and Homelessness

Ryan Dowd's Homeless Training

Minuteman Library Network Membership (Directors') meeting

Meetings & Webinars in June will include:

New England Library Association Information Technology Section meeting

[DEI Training Series] Gender Diversity

[DEI Training Series] Empathy Starts Within

Stephano Program (with Medway Cultural Council)

Other

In collaboration with Human Resources, we advertised a 12 hour/week Library Assistant position. There were many applicants. I selected an applicant, who will start on July 12th. I am working on hiring approximately three people as Substitute Library Assistants.

We are working on expanding our collection to create a Library of Things, beginning with computer games. We have also purchased Playaways and Wonderbooks.

As of June 1st, the Library is open normal hours from Monday through Friday.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director