

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
August 3, 2021

In July, 268 patrons used curbside checkout and home delivery.

Programs in July:

- Free Summer Lunches
- Thursday Story Times - Online Live
- Friday Story Times in Choate Park
- Monday Toddler Jam in Choate Park
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us
- Medway Balloon Society

Programs in August will include:

- Free Summer Lunches
- Thursday Story Times - Online Live
- Friday Storytimes - Park version
- Monday & Tuesday Toddler Jams in Choate Park
- Henry the Juggler
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Take and Make Kits
- Among Us

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

This month we went into summer reading mode, and have almost 200 people total signed up. We retired one of the Zoom storytimes and replaced it with storytime in the park, thanks to Parks and Rec. We've had three weeks of storytimes in the park so far and look forward to continuing that in August. But we're not the only ones in the park! Miss Amy is back with Toddler Jam, again thanks to Parks and Rec, and her first session was well attended--we are scheduling her in the park on Mondays and Tuesdays in August and expect that will be a very popular offering. Yoga is still garnering consistent numbers, and the Among Us gaming sessions on Tuesdays have a small but dedicated following. Our Maple Lane outreach is a work in progress, but kits for both kids and teens continue to go quickly. This month we were pleased to welcome back some teen volunteers for behind-the-scenes kit assembling and also for assistance at storytime in the park and are grateful for the help.

Makerspace Reports

People are starting to use the Makerspace again. People are using the VHS/DVD converter, 3D printer, DVD Buffer as well as just coloring with their children. Makerspace Coordinator Diane Busa also certified two people on the 3D printer.

Makerspace volunteers have started scheduling their shifts for monitoring the room. Weekly help with the equipment on the Tech side will start Thursday, Aug 5 from 10-12pm.

Arduino Coding and Robotics has started meeting weekly on Monday nights from 7-8:30pm. We have five children attending. STEAM has started up again. We plan to keep the group small since most children are under 12.

As a precaution to maintain social distancing, no other adults are allowed in the space while programs with children are going on. Medway Balloon Society will be holding weekly meetups on Wednesday evenings. Representative Roy stopped by last week to interview Max Kendall about the weather balloon he is currently working on.

The DVD Buffer broke, Diane is working with Venmill to determine whether we should fix it or buy a new one. Medway Cable Access updated the software on the three IMACs.

Diane is working on reorganizing the Makerspace website page as well as making sure the Facebook page is more active.

Meetings & Webinars in July included:

Department Heads Meeting

New England Library Association Information Technology Section meeting
Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts
[DEI Training Series] Gender Diversity - Supporting All Gender Identities
Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners - T-Mobile HotSpot Training

Meetings & Webinars in August will include:

Visit with Phil McNulty, Minuteman Library Network Executive Director
New England Library Association Information Technology Section meeting
[DEI Training Series] Empathetic Organizations

Other

We are very excited to welcome our new Library Assistant, and the first of three Substitute Library Assistants. The remaining two will come on board next week.

I am working on the annual ARIS report, which is due to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners on August 27th.

Canman, through the Medway Cultural Council, has hung four beautiful, large paintings in the Cole Room.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director