

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
August 4, 2020

The Library continues to offer curbside pickup. Patrons can request books online, by phone or by email. They can schedule pickups through our Capira software, or by phone or email. A total of 2,634 items were circulated in July.

Virtual Programs in July:

- Thursday and Friday Story Times
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga for Kids and Teens
- Summer Lunch program: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
- Dungeons & Dragons Lite: Tuesdays
- Bounce Back Summer Camp
- Storytime with a Princess
- Noggin the Sled Dog
- Return to Moon, Forward to Mars, including Visit with an Astronaut
- STEM Tuesdays
- PLIX Space Food

Programs in August will include:

- Thursday and Friday Story Times
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga for Kids and Teens
- Summer Lunch program: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
- Dungeons & Dragons Lite: Tuesdays
- Picture Book Book Club
- Middle Grade Book Club
- Young Adult Book Club

Children's/YA Librarian Report:

July contained the bulk of our summer reading programming; in addition to continuing yoga twice a week and storytimes twice a week, we also hosted a D&D Lite series (the last occurrence is on August 4), had a Zoom visit with Karen Land and her sled dog Noggin, hosted a PLIX Space Food workshop, and on the eve of the Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover launch, we Zoomed with a JPL Solar System Ambassador and a former astronaut (current MIT professor, who has an experiment on the rover). The end of the month saw the beginning of a four-week series, Bounce Back Summer Camp, designed to help kids 8-12 cope with the uncertainties of life during a pandemic.

Our Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners CARES grant for Virtual Programming for Distance Learning in the amount of \$3,038.00 was approved by the Board of Selectmen on August 3, 2020.

Summer Lunch Program

The Summer Lunch program is going very well, especially after the Town's Communication Director posted it on the electronic board at Choate Park. Restaurant 45 generously provided 30 lunches on July 30th.

Building & Grounds

A part on one of the air conditioning/heating units on the roof was replaced, restoring air conditioning in the area of the circulation desk.

DPW continues to disinfect surfaces at the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Meetings in July included:

Department Heads Meeting

Zoom library status meetings for Massachusetts Libraries (mostly small/medium ones)

Minuteman Library Network Membership Meeting

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How to deal with problem behaviors related to COVID-19 webinar

Other

The Library has subscribed to Wowbrary, which is an email newsletter which includes news about the library's events as well as descriptions of recently purchased books and DVDs, specific to the Medway Public Library. This newsletter will allow patrons to "browse" our new books from home easily.

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