

Medway Public Library  
Director's Report  
January 3, 2023

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

**Programs in December:**

- Storyhours (twice a week)
- Toddler Jam at the Library (twice a week, beginning 10/31)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- PAWS to Read
- Watercolors
- After School Art Club: Winter Prints (Medway High School Art Club)
- Middle School Hangout
- Read the Rainbow book club
- STEAM up your Wednesday at the Medway Library
- Arduino Coding & Robotics
- Teen & Tweens Dungeons & Dragons
- Oh Shoot: Photo Group
- Paint and Sip @ the Library
- Medway Area Rainbow Community & OUT Metrowest
- Adult Dungeons & Dragons
- Medway Fiber Arts Group

**Programs in January will include:**

- Storyhours (twice a week)
- Toddler Jam at the Library (twice a week, beginning)
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten
- PAWS to Read
- Cosplay Club
- Library Book Group
- Middle School Hangout
- STEAM up your Wednesday at the Medway Library
- Arduino Coding & Robotics
- Oh Shoot: Photo Group
- Read the Rainbow Book Club
- Adult Dungeons & Dragons
- Medway Fiber Arts Group
- 50+ Job Seeking Networking Group (online)

**Children's/YA Librarian Report:**

The Children's/YA Librarian is currently on leave. Several library assistants and volunteers, as well as the Makerspace Coordinator, are continuing to run programs. In December, 196 children and teens attended programs.

### **Makerspace Report (Diane Busa):**

Makerspace visitor count December: 162 (not everyone has been signing the guest book)

#### Workshops & Classes:

Adult Watercolors - December 1 - 8 participants

Teen Paint & Sip (acrylics) - December 3 - 4 participants

The High School Art Club, winter prints - December 6 - 14 participants

Creative Art Club- Dec 7 - 7 participants

Adult Watercolors - December 8 - 6 participants

Teen Paint & Sip (watercolors) - December 10 - 4 participants

STEAM Wednesday - December 14 - 7 people

Arduino Coding and Robotics - Mondays (Dec 5 & 12) - 8 children / 3 mentors. (ongoing)

Adult Dungeons & Dragons (no meeting Dec 29) - Thursdays - 6 participants (ongoing)

Teen & Tween Dungeons & Dragons - Mondays (Dec 5 & 12) - 4 participants

Middle School Drop off - Wednesday afternoons (Dec 7 & 14) - 6 participants (ongoing)

#### Groups & Classes Using the Makerspace:

Fiber Art Group - meets every other Tuesday (open to anyone who love to knit, crochet, embroider, etc)

Read the Rainbow Book Club - Our YA book club that focusing on **LGBTQ+** themed books

#### Certifications:

3d printer - 1 person

#### Equipment Use:

The 3d printer was very popular this month. Also used were the 8mm converter, VHS converters, Epson scanner, Large format printer, new IMAC computer (for film editing), DVD buffer, laminator, soldering iron, fabric & yarn supply and general craft supplies. The projector and screen is used weekly during Arduino & the Middle School programs.

#### Other News:

Barry (MCA) installed a VHS to digital file converter. We have changed his help hours to Thursdays from 2-4pm to accommodate the Middle School drop off program.

The middle school drop sessions were a big hit and the children asked us to continue it. We will be starting up again on January 11. We even have non Medway Middle schoolers who are participating.

Cosplay club will continue to meet once a month starting in January.

The 3D optical scanner has arrived. It is in the process of being tested.

The CNC enclosure in the process of being configured. Once that is complete, the certification process and safety guidelines will be developed.

#### Upcoming January Programs in the Makerspace:

Middle School Drop off - January 11, 18, 25 from 2:30-4pm

STEAM Wednesday - January 18 - 4pm

Tween & Teen D&D - January 23 - 4pm

Arduino Coding & Robotics (Monday nights)

**Meetings & Webinars in December included:**

Department Head Meeting  
Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts  
Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee Meeting  
SUP Medway Coalition Meetings  
Aspen Discovery Webinar (Minuteman Library Network)  
Recruiting and retaining a diverse workforce  
Minuteman Library Network Circulation Group Meeting  
Metrowest Program Planners Meeting  
Homeless De-escalation 201: Non-verbal tools  
Massachusetts Library Coordinators 50+ Job Program "Walk Through"

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Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee Meeting  
SUP Medway Coalition Meetings  
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Minuteman Library Network Membership Committee Meeting

**Building and Grounds**

DPW continues to prepare for replacement of over 100 recalled sprinklers.  
During a recent heavy storm, there was some leakage around the windows, which DCF repaired.

**Other**

The lower level was open 16 nights in December, for 8 meetings and programs, and 20 individuals using computers and the Makerspace.

The Library received a generous donation of many art books in excellent condition.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director