

Medway Public Library
Director's Report
January 1, 2021

- There were 3,935 checkouts during November, and 724 patrons used curbside checkout.

Programs in December:

- Thursday and Friday Story Times - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga & Mindfulness for Kids and Teens - Online Live

Programs in January will include:

- Thursday and Friday Story Times - Online Live
- Monday and Wednesday Yoga for Kids and Teens - Online Live
- Getting Started Growing Mushrooms
- New England Underdogs with Ted Reinstein (Partnered with the Holliston Library)

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

Last month we offered online yoga/mindfulness with Lauren Masse, Zoom storytimes, and two kits. The second kit was a take-home version of the annual gingerbread festival, and Susan Alessandri assisted with putting that together. The kits were a big draw last month (they were all taken, our regular 25 for the first kit and 56 gingerbread kits), and online numbers saw some attrition. One thing that might be worth pursuing is Toddlerjam; Miss Amy's friends tuned in with some good numbers for her first outing. We will continue to offer our current slate of programming and begin to implement some grant programs as well in the coming month.

Technology

Patrons are continuing to print on a library printer from outside the library. We are also continuing to scan, copy and print documents for patrons, and lend the hotspot. We have loaned laptops or chromebooks for use in the parking lot on several occasions in December.

Weekly Arduino classes (virtual) through the Makerspace are continuing. STEAM Thursdays resumed in December.

Meetings in December included:

The Library received a generous donation of \$56,014 dollars from the Paul R. and Lenore B. Charitable Remainder Unitrust. The Select Board and I agreed that these funds should be spent on library programs, including Makerspace activities.

Capital Improvement Planning Committee Meeting - presentation of proposed projects

Department Heads Meeting

Zoom meetings with directors of small libraries in Massachusetts

Career Resource Week: Virtual Career Programs and Services for Your Community webinar

Technology Interest Group

Reference Interest Group
Ryan Dowd's Burnout and Stress webinar

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New England Library Association - Information Technology Section Meetings

Ryan Dowd's Resolving Liberal vs. Conservative Conflict in the Workplace: Lessons from the Rwandan Genocide (featuring special guest Carl Wilkens)

Minuteman Library Network Membership (Directors') meeting

Other

I am working with another member of the Information Technology Section of the New England Library Association on selecting programs for their virtual conference.

I submitted a proposed 2022 budget to the Town. I also submitted comments on the ? report.

Margaret Y. Perkins, Library Director