

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

April 16, 2023

Library Staff: Library staff participated in a Wellness Challenge hosted by the Town. Five staff members, including myself, completed our Wellness Bingo cards. We are moving into some staff vacations. Sarah will be off next week and I will be off and out of town 5/2 and 5/22-5/31. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: The budget and CIP requests were approved at Town Meeting. The only question related to the library maintenance CIP was about Houston Barn, which the Selectboard explained was not a part of the library. We are 33% through the year and have used 23% of our budget. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Circulation was up 4% in March compared to 2023, with Juvenile Fiction, inter-library loans, and digital offerings seeing the greatest increase. Visits were up 5% and study room usage up 36%. Goal One 1a 4a, Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs. We had 24 programs in March and 6 so far in April. Some highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
3/20/24	Book Group	13
4/8/24	Friends Annual Meeting and Cooking Demo	24
4/8/24	Solar Eclipse Viewing with Rec. Dept.	639
4/10/24	Food with FRIENDS (Hannaford Dietician healthy eating program for children)	27

Our Craft Swap scheduled for 4/5 was postponed until 4/19 due to the most recent snowstorm.

Coming up we have:

Date	Program
4/17 @ 1pm	Book Discussion Group (<i>The Spy Coast</i> by Tess Gerritsen)
4/17 @ 4pm	Head-to-Head Puzzle Challenge
4/17 @ 6:30pm	Flock of New Hampshire Poets
4/19 10:30-4:30	Puzzle and Craft Swap
4/19 @ 4:30pm	Gallery Reception – Personal Collection of Ruth Chevion
4/20 & 21	Earth Day Take & Make
4/24 @ 12pm	Game On! Board Games (all ages)
4/28 @ 3pm	Hopkinton Poetry Festival
5/7 @ 6:30pm	Open Mic Night with the Contookuleles

Goal One 4a&b

Building. The library lost power during the storm on 3/23, which resulted in the alarm triggering at 2am on the 24th. Because of the time it took for the Fire Department to respond, the back-up batteries on our fire monitoring system drained, resulting in us needing to post a fire watch. Special thanks to Jenny and Caroline for helping take shifts and the Hopkinton Fire Department for draining the sprinkler lines to prevent freezing pipes. Power was restored at about 8:30pm on 3/24. Hampshire Fire Protection came out on 3/25 to reset the system and check to see if our batteries needed replacing. They did not.

For the 4/4 storm, we lost one of our three-phase lines, resulting in the building not having internet and the blowers not being able to carry the warm air away from the boiler. Full power was restored at about 11:30am on 4/5, so we were able to stick with our delayed opening at 1pm. Goal Two 2a and e.

Community Connections: The Hopkinton Recreation Department hosted the HOP-kinton Egg Scramble on 3/23 despite the snowstorm. The library was closed, but they handed out Take and Makes and set up crafts in

the Community Room. We partnered with the Recreation Department for the Solar Eclipse. Jenny and Paula hosted a viewing party down by the playground. The whole Houston Drive campus was full of residents enjoying the great weather and celestial treat! On 4/12 we had our annual Kindergarten visit! Due to the weather they were unable to visit the Story Walk® and instead we hosted all four classes inside the library.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen