

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
September 20, 2022

Library Staff: Jenny Stevens, our new Children's and Youth Services Librarian, has settled into her work at the library very well. She brings new ideas and energy to the work, has rearranged spaces including opening up the craft room for family use and increased our social media presence. The farewell event for Leigh Maynard on Friday August 12th at 11:30 was a great success with well over 100 in attendance. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: The Town Finance Department has switched to a new software package for financial management and budgeting. All department heads are learning the new system and will be using the platform for working on the proposed 2023 budget and for monthly budget management. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Adult Fiction and JUV non-fiction were both up and ebook circulation was up by 19% in August, but circulation of library materials overall was down somewhat. Library visits were over 1,300, a 13% increase over last year. Thirty-six new people signed up for library cards last month, an 89% increase over last year. Goal One 1a 4a Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs. Adult and children's programming is up and running. Jenny has tweaked some of the existing programs and attendance has been strong. Thirty people attended the US Supreme Court discussion with John Greabe on September 14th. The attendance at the Summer Reading Program "Oceans of Possibility" was comparable to recent years, with 183 registered, compared to 173 in 2021. Coming up in September:

- Continuation of poetry conversations with LR Berger. Thursday September 22nd 6:30pm.
- Art on the Porch and Mini Book Sale. Saturday September 24th 10-2pm (part of town-wide event).
- Haitian Art Program with Judith Kumin (in conjunction with Haitian Art Show in the gallery) Thursday September 29th 7pm

Goal One 4a-b Goal Two 2c

Building. We have had preventative maintenance done on our HVAC system including our air conditioning units. Though the AC units are due for replacement, they continue to function well enough that no action is recommended by our HVAC company, ENE. Goal Two 2a and e.

Planning and Policy: Trustees will discuss our social media policy. Goal Two 1l.

Community Partnerships: We continue to work with the school district on a Social-Emotional Learning project and materials are being developed for families. Backpacks full of activities and books will start to circulation in October, with support from the Library Foundation. Currently backpacks have been assembled for pre-K children on Feelings, Friendships and Likes/Dislikes and for Grades 1-3 on Calming Strategies, Feelings and Cooperation. We hosted the Supervisors of the Checklist on Tuesday September 20th for National Voter Registration Day. They were here to answer questions and sign-up new voters. Goal Two 1k.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Dunlop