

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

July 19, 2022

Library Staff: I have hired Jenny Stevens to be our new Children's and Youth Services Librarian. She has fifteen years of experience in children's services, most recently running children's programming at Concord Public Library. She was particularly interested in a part-time position because she is working on her master's degree in library and information studies. Unfortunately, part-time reference librarian Emily Welsh has given notice, which leaves us with a staffing gap. In the short term, former reference librarian Elissa Barr has agreed to come back to fill in during the summer. The farewell event for Leigh Maynard will take place on Friday August 12th at 11:30. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: With 50% of the year remaining at the end of June, we had used 50% of the budget. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Circulation of library materials is in line with this time last year, though Adult Fiction and non-fiction are both up. We were still providing "book bundles" for children last summer, which accounts for the dip in JUV circulation. E book circulation is up by 9%. We estimate over 1,300 library visitors in June in comparison to 692 in 2021. Goal One 1a 4a Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs. We are not doing any adult programming in August. The last day of the Summer Reading Program "Oceans of Possibility" is on Friday August 12th. Coming up in September:

- US Supreme Court discussion with John Greabe. Wednesday September 14th 7pm
- Haitian Art Program with Judith Kumin (in conjunction with Haitian Art Show in the gallery) Thursday September 29th 7pm
- Continuation of poetry conversations with LR Berger. Goal One 4a-b Goal Two 2c

Building We had a serious infestation of ants in the building this month. JP Pest came and treated the area. Goal Two 2a and e.

Planning and Policy: Trustees will discuss our Inter-library Loan 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. Leigh Maynard provided programming at St. Andrews Summer Art Program in July. We worked with the Hopkinton Waste Committee on a display for "Plastic Free July." A resource table is up at the library and we are providing links on our website to a variety of information. Goal Two 1k.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Dunlop