

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
 January 21, 2025

Library Staff: We had a staff meeting on 12/2 and then moved shelves, the Large Print collection, and Adult Non-Fiction. Staff reviews are underway and will continue into February. Sarah is scheduled to attend a workshop on Copyright and Fair Use laws. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: 2024 books close today. We have used 92.5% of our 2024 budget with a few invoices left to clear. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Visits were up 21% in December of 2024 compared to 2023. Visits for the year were up 5.9% over 2023 and circulation was up 5.3% (7.7% for digital and 4.5% physical). We answered 5,435 reference questions in 2024 and added 267 new library cards.

Programs. We had 237 programs in 2024, with 19 in December. We've already had 10 programs in January! Some highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
12/3/24	Gallery Reception (Community show – “Smalls”)	45
12/6/24	Starry Starry Weekend Merry Sing-a-Long with the Contookuleles	48
12/18/24	Book Group (<i>The House in the Cerulean Sea</i> by TJ Klune 1 and 4:30pm)	17
12/21/24	Take and Make	65
1/10/25	Construction Zone	31
1/11/25	Repair Café with Hopkinton Lions and NH Lions Green Team	21

We are currently running our Winter Reading Challenge. For children there is Book Bingo and for adults the reading challenge is “Cover” Up & Read. Sarah moved her second session of Book Group back to 5:30pm based on feedback from participants. The Contookuleles are hosting a 4-week “Into to Ukes” workshop on Saturdays for teens and adults. We are currently collecting puzzles for our Puzzle Swap this Friday (1/24).

Coming up for the rest of January and early February we have:

Date	Program
1/22/24 3:30-5:30pm	Teddy Bear Clinic
1/29/25 @ 3pm	Crafternoon— “Keep it Sweet and Small”
1/29/25 @ 6:30pm	Flock of Poets
1/31/25 @ 10:30am	Art Start
2/2/25 2-3pm	Rubber Stamp Making
2/8/25 @ 11am	Historic Pursuits presents “The Muster”, an interactive presentation of life for enlistees in the Continental Army.
2/19/25 @ 5:30pm	An Evening with Linnea Hartsuyker (author of The Golden Wolf Saga)

Goal One 4a&b

Building. The sprinkler alarm tripped on 12/2. Hampshire Fire couldn't locate a cause but reported sometimes a change in water pressure from the outside line could lead to it tripping. No leaks were found. Irish Electric converted lights in the Community Room hallway to LEDs and installed new emergency lights.

Community Connections: We scheduled “Cookies with Cass” again this year. Jenny is coordinating with the Rec Department for providing crafts during their annual Egg Scramble (4/12).

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen