

Hopkinton Town Library  
**REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

February 18, 2025

**Library Staff:** Our next staff meeting is 2/21. Laura held a circulation staff meeting on 2/15. Jenny attended a program fair today. Goal Two 1c.

**Finance:** The town audit is in March. I have provided the backup documents (bank statements, treasurer's reports, minutes, etc.) for the library. We are operating without an approved budget until Town Meeting on Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

**Library Services:** Visits were up 20% in January compared to 2024. Groups using the café and fireplace increased from last year, as did study room usage. We also saw a large increase in Kanopy usage (267%) in January compared to last year.

**Programs.** We had a consistent 13 attendees for our Intro to Ukuleles, cohosted with the Contookuleles, over the four weeks of the course. Some other highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
1/22/25	Teddy Bear Clinic	30
1/24/25	Puzzle Swap	51
1/29/25	Flock of Poets	11
2/8/25	"The Muster" cohosted by Hopkinton Historical Society	49
2/11/25	Storytime	58
2/12/25	Comic Club	16

We have already received three submissions for the adult winter reading challenge (ends March 1<sup>st</sup>).

Tomorrow (2/19), author Linnea Hartsuyker will be joining us to speak about her Golden Wolf Saga series and Vikings. She will join us again in March to host a Viking craft event. Book Group will discuss the first book in the series, *The Half-Drowned King*, at 1pm tomorrow.

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

Date	Program
2/25/25 @ 6:30pm	Flock of Poets
2/26/25 @ 3pm	Origami Afternoon (Tweens, Teens, and Adults)
3/1/25 10:30-2:30pm	Craft Swap
3/4/25 @ 2pm	Cookies with Cass
3/5/25 @ 3pm	Young Inventors Club Invention Showcase
3/9/25 2-3:30pm	Viking Craft with Linnea Hartsuyker
3/19/25 @ 1pm & 5:30pm	Book Group ( <i>Persuasion</i> by Jane Austen)

Goal One 4a&b

**Building.** ENE changed our HVAC air filters on 2/7. We experienced an extended internet and phone outage on 2/12 into 2/13 and then again on the 14<sup>th</sup>. TDS was not able to fix it remotely on the 12<sup>th</sup> when we called to report, but the technician was able to address the issue remotely on the 13<sup>th</sup>. They came on the 14<sup>th</sup> to replace a battery. The boilers tripped on 2/12 or 2/13. ENE was out on 2/13 to get them up and running again and 2/18 to make repairs to things needing replacement found last week.

**Community Connections:** We were invited back to host Senior Lunch. We will discuss the date options at our staff meeting. We are collecting submissions of stories for the Hopkinton Historical Society's 2025 exhibit "Thank You, Hopkinton! Celebrating a Tradition of Caring and Kindness" until March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen