

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
February 17th, 2026

Library Staff: Lauren will be stepping down to a substitute at the end of the month. Several staff members have vacations scheduled between now and mid-March. We are beginning the annual evaluation process. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: The town audit is in March. I 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 19th. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Physical circulation in January increased 8% compared to last year and visits increased 17%.

Still no updates from Ingram about onboarding new processing customers. They remain caught up on our orders. We added 421 titles in January as Ingram caught up on our orders from October to December; a 251% increase compared to last year.

Programs. We had 24 programs in January with 607 attendees. Sarah applied for and obtained a grant from New Hampshire Humanities for "US@250: Big Watch," a film screening and facilitated discussion, and \$300 stipend to support a related program. "US@250: Big Watch" is a statewide series of community-driven programs that bring Granite Staters together to watch, discuss, and reflect on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and American Revolution. "US@250: The Big Watch" is scheduled for March 31st, and the stipend will go towards having Historic Pursuits back in May for "A Brewing Conflict" with Hopkinton Rotary and Hopkinton Historical Society as co-sponsors.

Jenny coordinated a class visit with the Contoocook School. Judy the Reading Dog joined us for a special storytime. Some other highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
01/28/26	New Hampshire Wildlife with Squam Lakes	78
02/03/26	Open Mic with the Contookuleles	15
02/04/26	Lindsay and Her Puppet Pals	33
02/07/26	Stamp Making	7

Coming up we also have:

Date	Program
02/18/26 1pm	Book Group (<i>Homeseking</i> by Karissa Chen)
02/19/26 6:30pm	Deep Dive into NH's Trash w/Hopkinton Waste Committee
02/24/26 3:30pm	Afterschool Book Club
02/24/26 6:30pm	Flock of Poets
02/27-02/28/26	Craft Swap
03/05/26 3:30pm	Young Inventors Showcase
03/11/26 4pm	Comics Workshop with Marek Bennett

Goal One 4a&b

Building: We weathered the two recent cold snaps well. The radiant flooring ran and we maintained a higher unoccupied temperature than normal to ensure there weren't issues and reduce stress on the heating systems. Goal Two 1a

Community Connections: Jenny is coordinating with the Recreation Department to support weekly library visits of summer camps. Goal Two 1k.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen