

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

Library Staff: Misha started March 10th. Staff reviews are in process. Staff Meeting scheduled for March 27th. The library will be closed April 5th. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: The town audit wrapped up the first week in March. We are operating without an approved budget until Town Meeting on Thursday, March 19th. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Year to date, physical circulation is up 5% and digital circulation is up 3%. Visits are up 13% and new cards are up 58%.

Ingram sent us pricing for physical processing, but the MHEC contract is expiring in March, and new pricing has yet to be announced. Laura and I are looking into which option is best. We added 397 titles in February as we worked through the books purchased with Rotary donations, a 124% increase over February 2025.

We were notified that the Concord Monitor will be delivered via USPS starting March 23rd.

Programs: “US@250: The Big Watch” is scheduled for March 31st at 6pm. Holly Gagne and Winnie McGranahan have graciously agreed to host the Knitting for Beginners courses in April. Registration is already full.

The “I Spy” cabinet was redone around the theme “Emergency Preparedness” around preparedness advice provided by NH Dept. of Safety during our program last year. Marek Bennett’s comic workshop brought in both the young and young at heart. Some other highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
02/19/26	Deep Dive into NH’s Trash w/Hopkinton Waste Committee	26
03/05/26	Young Inventors Showcase	34
03/05/26	Peepers, Pollywogs, Pools, and Ponds w/Conservation Commission	20

Coming up we also have:

Date	Program
03/24/26 03:30pm	Afterschool Book Club
03/24/26 06:30pm	Flock of Poets
03/25/26 3:30pm	Lego Club
03/27/26 10:30am	Art Start
03/31/26 06:00pm	US@250: Big Watch—Film Screening & Discussion
04/01/26 06:00pm	Knitting for Beginners weekly course begins
04/11/26 11:00am	Becoming Wolf: The eastern coyote in New England
04/12/26 02:00pm	Fireside Knitting Group
04/20/26 05:00pm	Hiking with Kids

Goal One 4a&b

Building: HVAC preventative maintenance was done on 2/25. Several issues were discovered, with quoted repair/replacement costs over \$20,000. Goal Two 1a

Community Connections: In communication with the Hopkinton Historical Society for a second potential co-sponsored 250th program. The Recreation Department is not hosting the HOPkinton Egg Scramble this year. We were asked if we would again extend our hours to 7pm for Celebration of the Arts, scheduled for May 20th. Goal Two 1k.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen