

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

July 16, 2023

Library Staff: Lauren and Sarah have vacations in August and Jenny and Laura have vacations in September. I will be on vacation 9/5-9/10. Sarah attended a webinar about helping patrons with vision impairments. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: We are 58% through the year and used 48% of our budget. The Tarr Trust trustee is retiring. We have received paperwork for the new lawyer that will be handling the trust. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: We answered nearly double the amount of reference questions in June than in June of 2023. In June we still saw spill-over from the Study Rooms into the Café and fireplace seating areas. These last few weeks, the warmer weather has driven patrons to visit and linger to cool down in the air conditioning.

The library will be closed on 8/31 for Labor Day weekend. Sunday hours will return on 9/8. Goal One 1a 4a, Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs. We had 22 programs in June and 5 so far in July. Some highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
6/25/24	"Peter and the Wolf" with Miss Meghan	47
6/26/24	Mr. Aaron	104
6/28/24	Sustainable Family Fun Day with Witching Hour Provisions	52
7/2/24	Contookuleles Open Mic	28
7/12/24	Storytime with Hopkinton Police Department	70

Coming up we have:

Date	Program
7/17 @ 1pm	Book Discussion Group (<i>The Kamogawa Food Detectives</i> by Hisashi Kashiwai)
7/17 @ 1pm	Squish Pudding
7/18 @ 1pm	Teen/Tween Escape Room
7/19 11am-4pm	Stuffy Sleepover Dropoff
7/23 @ 10:30am	STEAM for Little Ones (Ages 5 and under)
7/24 @ 11am	Build a Campfire (at Kimball Lake)
7/24 @ 5:30pm	Adventures in Seafloor Mapping (<i>The Deepest Map</i> by Laura Trethewey)
7/25 @ 1pm	Big Kid STEAM (school-age)
7/30 @ 4pm	Adventures in Arts & Crafts for Teens/Adults
8/2 @ 10:30am	Summer Reading Celebration
8/3 @ 8am	Adventures in Birding
8/9 @ 1pm	Smokey Bear's 80 th Birthday Bash

We will be taking a break from Storytimes for August and most of September. Goal One 4a&b

Building: O'Keefe and Flanagan Electric and Irish Electric have come in to assess our electric panels for quotes for a generator. Darragh has requested to meet with ENE to make sure he understands which circuits run what for the HVAC system. It is scheduled for 7/24. Goal Two 2a and e.

Community Connections: Kast Hill Studio donated a new bookshelf for the playroom, which houses our board books. During the heat wave in June, the Rec Department Summer Camp spent two afternoons in the Community Room to keep cool. On 7/9 the Hopkinton Police Department joined us at Storytime! Then our young patrons had a chance to sit in the police cruiser. On 8/9 we will be co-hosting an 80th birthday party for Smokey Bear with the Hopkinton Fire Department. In September and October, the gallery will host artwork by students from Harold Martin and Maple Street schools.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen