Hopkinton Town Library

REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

July 21st, 2026

Library Staff: We have another round of staff vacations coming up. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: We are 58.3% through the year and have used 43.24% of our budget. Note, this does not include July's payroll expenses. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Year to date, circulation is up 1%, with physical circulation lagging YTD last year by about 200 checkouts. Visits are up 7% and computer usage is up 30%. New card signups are up 9%.

NHSL has juggled around our ILL delivery dates as they try to work schedules around less drivers due to vacations and attrition. Several routes have been cancelled this month, and we are now scheduled for one delivery a week instead of two. We are advising patrons of longer wait times for ILL titles to arrive. Sarah ran a report and our days from title request to received went up by a week to 14 days compared to the beginning of the year.

Ingram sent us a new form to fill out for adding physical processing to our orders. This change will require us to go from a three-letter author spine label to four-letter.

Programs: Summer Reading is in full swing! We've already handed out 73 patches and 26 tote bags, which is 594 hours of reading! And we still have another month. Some recent program highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
06/26/26	Music and Movement w/Meghan Morgan	39
07/14/26	Ponding Program w/Linden Rayton	37
07/14/26	Gallery Reception—Bicentennial Quilt	29

The "Secret Garden" community art show will be in the gallery for August and September. Programming for August will slow down on the Youth Services side, but our Summer Reading Challenges will continue. We've also begun scheduling programs for the fall. Upcoming programs include:

Date	Program
07/25/26 12pm	Rubber Stamp Making
07/29/26 3pm	Ice Cold Pops with Super Cool Cops!
07/30/26	Stuffy Sleepover Drop-Off
08/04/26 6pm	Open Mic with the Contookuleles
08/06/26 4pm	Quiet Reading Together
08/11/26 5pm	Gallery Reception—Community Art Show: The Secret Garden
08/19/26 1pm	Book Group (*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hogson Burnett)
08/19/26 5pm	Inter-Gen Book Group (*The Secret Garden* by Frances Hogson Burnett)

Goal One 4a&b

Building: The hot water heater on the LHR side of the building let go, resulting in water damage in one of the bathrooms. ServPro came out and ran dehumidifiers and fans and sprayed mold preventative. Luckily, the damage was limited to ceiling tiles that need to be replaced, but the two bathrooms across from the LHR and the staff area sink currently do not have hot water. We are working with the Town and Primex to process the claim. Goal Two 1a

Community Connections: The Hopkinton Rotary invited me to be a guest speaker on July 15th. I spoke about how to support the library, from easy to hard. Jenny is working with the two new principals at the upper and lower elementary schools to schedule a meet-and-greet program at the library with them. Goal Two 1k.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen