Hopkinton Town Library

REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

September 15th, 2026

Library Staff: The Town is working on scheduling sessions for harassment training with Primex to allow all employees to attend this mandatory training. We have a staff meeting on October 16th. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: We are 75% through the year and have used 63.7% of our budget. Budget presentations to the Selectboard for the library are scheduled for November 2nd. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Year to date, circulation remains up 1% and visits 7%. Computer usage is up 37%. New card signups are up 8%.

We received our free Lead Testing Kit from the state's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. Around 65% of Hopkinton's houses were built before 1978, which was when lead paint was banned in residential housing. We were one of twelve initial libraries selected to host kits.

Programs: Another Summer Reading is in the books! We had 311 registrants for the Youth Summer Reading Program and handed out 100 Adult Summer Reading Challenge bookmarks. Children earned 294 patches and 47 tote bags, which is 2,046 hours of reading! Some recent program highlights include:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
08/08/26	Traveling Storytime at Work Song Farm	24
08/11/26	Gallery Reception – Secret Garden Community Show	60
08/11/26	Principals on the Patio	93
09/10/26	Construction Zone	18

We will run another Knitting for Beginners session, beginning September 30th. Other upcoming programs include:

Date	Program
09/16/26 1pm	Book Group (*The Boy from the Sea* by Garrett Carr)
09/22/26 10:30am	Storytime with Snoopy the Bunny
09/23/26 3:30pm	Lego Club
09/26/26 10:30am-12:30pm	Repair Café
09/30/26 12:30-2pm	Granite VNA's Balance Screening Clinic
09/30/26 6:30pm	Flock of Poets
10/03/2026 11am	Spooky Season Cross-Stitch

Goal One 4a&b

Building: The new hot water heater was installed in the boiler room, and the bathroom ceiling was fixed. Computech installed a new firewall for the network. TDS resolved our phone network issues after our migration to their new system. Our annual fire sprinkler inspection is scheduled for September 24th. Goal Two 1a.

Community Connections: We are co-sponsoring a Repair Café program with the Hopkinton Lions Club and NH Lions Green Team on September 26th. Jenny was invited to attend Back to School Night on August 25th at Harold Martin. We've partnered with Merrimack County Savings Bank for two offerings on two educational topics – Scam Awareness and Personal Financial Management. Planning is well underway with the PTA and Recreation Department for this year's Spooky Tooky, scheduled for October 17th. Goal Two 1k.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen