

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

October 15, 2023

Library Staff: Sarah attended a webinar about the horror genre. I will be out on 10/18. We will have a staff meeting on October 25th. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: We are 83.3% way through the year and used 68.5% of our budget, with \$3900 of invoices pending. The budget presentation appointments with the Selectboard were pushed back a week due to the general elections. The library's new appointment is November 12th. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Library visits were up 4% in September from 2023. We continue to weed the Adult Fiction section. We are shelf shifting the Audiobooks after relocating the Parenting Collection to the playroom (which we've received a lot of compliments on). We have an ambitious plan to move the Large Print collection to after the end of Adult Fiction, switch bookshelves between the Adult and Children's section to open space by the gaming tables, and shelf shift the Adult Non-Fiction. We'll be taking this in stages, starting with weeding Adult Non-Fiction and Large Print and shelf shifting the Oversize and Reference collections. Goal One 1a 4a, Goal Two 2a-e.

Programs. Sarah is continuing to offer two sessions of Book Group based on feedback from patrons. Jenny put together another fabulous escape room! Luckily, all the teams were able to escape the haunted library!

Date	Program	# of Attendees
9/19/24	Flock of Poets	14
9/26/24	Fiddles Plus Concert	25
9/27/24	Gemma Soldati – Artist in Residence (with Harold Martin and Maple Street Schools)	27
10/1/24	Family Storytime (first back after our early fall break)	51
10/8/24	Family Storytime	78
10/9/24	Teen Escape Room	17
10/15/24	Music with Miss Meghan	74

Coming up we have:

Date	Program
10/16	Book Group (<i>The Sentence</i> by Louise Erdrich)
10/17 @ 6:30pm	Fast Fashion Fast Trash
10/23 4-5 pm	Tween/Teen Crafternoon
10/26 3-6	Pumpkin Walk Party
10/30 @ 6:30pm	Flock of Poets

Goal One 4a&b

Building: ENE came out to do our preventative fall maintenance, including changing the air filters and servicing the boilers. We had our windows cleaned. Our lease for our Canon printer ended and we received a new machine on October 3rd. Goal Two 2a and e.

Community Connections: On September 27th we hosted the community portion of the Artist in Residence program for Harold Martin and Maple Street Schools. It was a beautiful day, so we took the life-sized game they designed outside to the grassy area beyond the screened in porch. On 10/17 we will be co-sponsoring "Fast Fashion, Fast Trash" with the Hopkinton Waste Committee. We are partnering with the Hopkinton Recreation Department for the Pumpkin Walk Party on 10/26, with special guests Hopkinton Police, Fire, and Highway Departments 3663647 as they will bring vehicles and hand out candy during the costume parade portion.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen