

Hopkinton Town Library  
**REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

November 19, 2023

**Library Staff:** Sarah attended a workshop about AI in libraries at the State Library. Jenny attended a Teen Summit web-conference. I will attend an information session through the Maine Library Association about the Sustainable Libraries Initiative on December 5th. We have a staff meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. I will be away December 7-10<sup>th</sup>. Goal Two 1c.

**Finance:** We are 91.67% way through the year and used 76.37% of our budget. Budget presentations to the Selectboard went well. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

**Library Services:** Circulation in October was the same as October '23. Computer usage was up 22% over last year. We weeded the Large Print and did a first pass of weeding of Adult Non-Fiction. The planned moving of shelves and the beginning of rearranging the Adult Non-Fiction and Large Print area is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Goal One 1a 4a, Goal Two 2a-e.

**Programs:** The Pumpkin Walk Party is fast becoming an annual tradition! More seasonable weather meant we saw about 200 less participants over '23 (when it was in the high 60s), but still had 450 attendees. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Young Inventors Club. We hope to reschedule it soon, as we had a lot of interest in the program. The Friends will be hosting a Wee Folks Bookshoppe during Starry Starry weekend. They are collecting donations of children's titles and will allow children to pick books for free to give to friends and family. They are also coordinating a children's coat drive. We will have a clothes rack with coats and snow pants beginning next week and will leave it up until we are out of items. Jenny and Sarah are preparing Winter Reading Challenges for their respective departments which will begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Date	Program	# of Attendees
10/16/24	Book Group (2 sessions)	16 total
10/17/24	Fast Fashion, Fast Trash (w/Hop. Waste Committee)	27
10/18/24	Construction Zone	19
10/23/24	Tween/Teen Crafternoon	5
10/26/24	Pumkin Walk Party	452
10/30/24	Flock of Poets	12
11/7/24	Contookuleles	8
11/15/24	Art Start	21

Coming up we have:

Date	Program
11/20/24 @ 1pm & 4:30pm	Book Group ( <i>Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow</i> by Gabrielle Zevin)
11/20/24 @ 6:30pm	Flock of Poets
11/21/24 10:30-5:30	Games all Day (National Game and Puzzle Week celebration)
11/26/24 3:30-4:30pm	Can You Beat Your Librarian at Cribbage?
11/30/24 12pm	Stamp Making 101
12/3/24 5-6pm	Gallery Reception – Community Art “Smalls”
12/6/24 3-5pm	Contookuleles Sing-a-Long (Starry Starry Weekend)
1/15/25 @ 1pm & 4:30pm	Best Books of 2024

Goal One 4a&b

**Building:** We had our annual sprinkler system inspection. Irish Electric is working up a quote for converting the lights in the hall by the Community Room to LEDs, like we did in the vestibule. Goal Two 2a and e.

**Community Connections:** We are partnering with the Hopkinton Historical Society for a historical program about Lafayette (Summer of 2025 marks 200 years since Lafayette's Farewell Tour).

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen