

Hopkinton Town Library
REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR
July 18, 2023

Library Staff: We had a full staff meeting on July 12th. Karen will be retiring from full-time September 1st. She plans to return part-time to help with Saturdays and be a substitute. Goal Two 1c.

Finance: We're 58% through the year and have used 50% of our budget. Goal One 2bandc and Goal Two 1b.

Library Services: Overall circulation is up 8% in comparison to last year. Study room usage is up 65% when comparing this June to June 2022, public computer usage is up 46%. Overall, library visits are up 35%. Recent internet and power outages led to many using the Wi-Fi outside before the building opens.

Programs. Summer Reading is in full swing. Patrons 17 years old and under have earned 139 tote bags so far, which translates into 417 hours of reading, as three hours earns them a tote. They can then earn a patch for every additional three hours of reading.

Children's programs in June for Summer Reader were:

Date	Program	# of Attendees
6/23/23	Steve Blunt	44
6/27/23	Music & Movement with Heather Hearne	48
6/28/23	Outside Storytime	24
6/29/23	Field Fun	28
6/30/23	Cool Crafting	39

This week marks the halfway point of Summer Reading, with no programs scheduled. Upcoming programs include:

Book to Music with Miss Meghan 7/25 & 8/1

Summertime Ukes with Mr. Ric 7/27

Robert Rivest, Comic Mime 7/28

Stuffy Sleepover 8/3 to 8/4

Last week we had local artist Lizz Van Saun, from Kast Hill Studio, in the Community Room. Community members were able to sign up for 50-minute time slots to work on the community mosaic. We had over 85 participants. The completed artwork will be hung in the library this week, dedicated to Donna's 15 years of service as Library Director.

Goal One 4a-b Goal Two 2c

Building. Multi-Weld Services, Inc. installed railing on the granite steps leading down to the Slusser Center. Investigating the acoustical tiles to replace old, water-damaged/missing tiles.

The barn has been raised and the old foundation has been removed. The noise disturbance has mostly been minimal.

Community Connections: The Lions Club donated a Trek bench to the library. It is currently on the patio. I attended a Rotary Club meeting on July 5th to present about the library. I also attended the AARP Walkability Audit information session on July 12th.

Respectfully submitted, Rose Jansen