

Springfield Town Library
Library Director's Report for August 2023
Submitted for discussion at September 12, 2023 meeting
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Staffing:

- Jeni Busby Clary hired as Youth Services Librarian, start date 9-11-2023.

Sustainable Libraries Initiative

(Environmentally Sound, Socially Equitable & Economically Feasible):

- Plastic collection in collaboration with Springfield Rotary Club: Over 2200 pounds have been collected. The fourth bench ordered for placement by Black River Action Team. Now working toward 5th bench. Next sponsor to be announced soon.

Building and/or Grants

- Still waiting for quotes on A/C and roof.
- ARSL grant funds (Sustainable and Resilient New England Libraries)
 - 2 of the Little Libraries have gone to Springfield Housing Authority. 3rd one is for Family Center, which seems to be still looking for a new location.
 - Jeff from Woodbury Florist will install pavers this month for the side garden.
 - Vegetables and herbs are still available for anyone in the community to harvest.
- Preservation Trust consultant report received.

Patron Services:

August Statistics:

- Patrons = 1245 total, including 46 non-residents
- Visitors = 2110, compared to 1854 in August 2022. Continues to increase.
- Reference questions answered = 55 questions
- Tech help: 9 people for individual help
- Website visits: 1902
- Computer users
 - 269 people used library computers, for over 195 hours in August
 - an average of 60 people per day logged into the Project Connect Wi-Fi including outdoor access when the library is closed – average of 2-3 people seen using devices in the side garden each day.
- Volunteer hours – 68.75 hours
- Circulation of physical/traditional library items = 2634
- Circulation of nontraditional library items (Library of Things, items mostly received from grants or FOSTL) = 75 (includes 41 passes and 18 games/puzzles)
- Circulation of digital items
 - EBooks & EAudiobooks & Movies: 444
 - Database Usage: 693 views (note this number will be updated at the meeting as it does not yet include Consumer Reports as of 9/5. Newsbank totals will not be available until 15th of the following month)
- Interlibrary loan:
 - Items lent to those in other libraries: 654
 - Items borrowed/received for our patrons: 535

August: 29 programs serving 472 people

Adult:

- In the Shadow of Big Foot (66 in attendance)
- Upcycle CD vase craft
- Home Deliveries
- 3 Book Club meetings & 2 Page Turners sessions
- Scribble Society writing group
- Individual Tech Help

Youth:

- Summer lunches for youth weekdays from August 1 - 11
- Nature Museum of Grafton
- Heading to Kindergarten
- Animal-themed Story Time
- Stop Motion Animation
- Teen Advisory

All Ages

- Summer Movie Series
- Summer Reading
- DJ Dance Party
- In-library drop-in activities: Puzzle, Origami, Kindness Rocks