

Springfield Town Library
Library Director's Report for December 2023
Submitted for discussion at January 9, 2024 meeting
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Sustainable Libraries Initiative, Building, and/or Grants

(Environmentally Sound, Socially Equitable & Economically Feasible):

- Over 3275 pounds of plastic film recycled. Fifth bench has been ordered and will be placed at the bus stop by Co-Op.
- Library Director is spending 1+ hour each week documenting SLI certification details.
- Library Director is wrapping up report for ARSL grant before February 1st
- Awarded another American Library Association grant but cannot publicize it until receive authorization from ALA.

Staffing:

State report completed by the Library Director.

Two staff members wrapping up certificate of public librarianship trainings.

One additional staff member due to start soon.

Patron Services:

December Circulation and Use Statistics:

- Visitors = 1760, compared to 1316 in December 2022 (34% increase).
- Patrons = 1366 total, including 59 non-residents
- Reference questions answered = 91 questions
- Tech help: 23 people for individual help sessions
- Website visits: 1630
- Computer users: 184 people used library computers, for over 116 hours in December
- Volunteer hours: 8.5 hours
- Circulation of physical/traditional library items = 1891 compared to 1921 in December 2022 (slight decrease, open one fewer day due to holidays, staff meeting)
- Circulation of nontraditional library items = 60
- Circulation of digital items
 - EBooks & EAudiobooks & Movies: 474
 - Database Usage: 263+ views (NewsBank totals will not be available until 15th of the following month)
- Interlibrary loan:
 - Items lent to those in other libraries: 421
 - Items borrowed/received for our patrons: 421

December Programming: 23 events serving/interacting with 405 people

Adult:

- Ask Your State Reps: A Community Conversation
- Trans 101: A Community Conversation
- 1800 and Froze to Death
- Jar of Winter Cheer
- 2 Book Club meetings & 1 Page Turners sessions
- Scribble Society writing group
- Individual Tech Help

Youth:

- Holiday Sticker Walk
- Thursday after-school programs (Scavenger Hunt, Cookie Decorating, New Year's Calendar)
- Bookworm Wiggle
- Preschool story time
- Golden Dome Book Club

Intergenerational

- Petite Sewn Journals
- Community Puzzle