

Springfield Town Library  
Library Director's Report for February 2024  
Submitted for discussion at March 13, 2024 meeting  
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**Sustainable Libraries Initiative, Building, and/or Grants:** (*Environmentally Sound, Socially Equitable & Economically Feasible*):

- See SLI-related programs presented below\*\*\*
- February electrical usage decreased by 27.5% as compared to average of previous 2 years in February – changes made to computers and unplugging microwave & coffee maker in evening contributed to this; also warmer temperatures (+6.5 degrees on average)
- Second monitor installed for a staff member so they no longer need to print out documents to compile statistics.
- Adult fiction collection maintenance taking place to increase space around the pillar in the back of that area for ADA accessibility for wheelchair users
- \$10K ALA Libraries Transform Communities grant awarded for front door, possible maker space area on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and working with Lincoln Street's Lifelong Learners group
- Still waiting announcement of ability to publicize the award of a child-based American Library Association grant (approx. value \$2K)
- Treasury Grant application submitted by March 12th
- African Dwarf frogs moved to a larger tank

**Collaboration updates (most from previous month continuing)**

- Youth intern continuing in March, paid by HireAbility, included in volunteer #s
- RVTC student intern continuing, included in volunteer #s
- SAPA-TV: live-streamed the Meet the Candidates event; collaborating to see if they can provide video editing software access

**Patron Services:**

- Discussion took place with Finance Manager on implementation of future acceptance of credit cards through the town's portal

**February Circulation and Use Statistics:**

- Visitors = 2087, compared to 1698 in February 2023 (23% increase).
- Patrons = 1485 total, including 53 non-residents
- Reference questions answered = 139 questions
- Tech help: 23 people for individual help sessions
- Website visits: 2120
- Computer users: 209 people used library computers, for over 153 hours in February (compared to last February – 185 people, for over 69 hours)
- Wi-Fi usage: average of 51 people per day
- Volunteer hours: 58 hours (2 interns included)
- Circulation of physical/traditional library items = 2115 compared to 1882 in February 2023 (12% increase)
- Circulation of nontraditional library items = 71
- Circulation of digital items
  - EBooks & EAudiobooks & Movies: 768 (24 Kanopy movies, highest # yet)
  - Database Usage: 2565+ views (NewsBank totals are not be available until 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month)

- Interlibrary loan:
  - Items lent to those in other libraries: 640
  - Items borrowed/received for our patrons: 537

February Programming: 27 events serving/interacting with 388+ people (plus tech help & puzzlers)

Adult:

- Maximizing Your Social Security
- Murder in the Vermont Woods\*\*\*
- Meet the Selectboard Candidates (SAPA streamed/recorded)
- Planning Commission's Town Plan presentation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Biomass Burning\*\*\* (staff recorded)
- Monthly craft (Gnomes)
- 3 Book Club meetings & 2 Page Turners session
- Scribble Society writing group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> World Book Online class
- Individual Tech Help and small group class (23 participants not counted in above total)

Youth:

- Stuffed animal sleepover
- Take Your Child to the Library Day
- Thursday after-school programs
- Bookworm Wiggle
- Golden Dome Book Club
- Preschool StoryTime (restarted on new day)
- Team Laser Bear book club (new)
- Visit to All 4 One and All 4 One visit to the library (new)
- Visit to SSD Preschool (new)

Intergenerational

- Community Puzzle (40 participants not counted in above total)