

Springfield Town Library
Library Director's Report for June 2023
Submitted for discussion at July 11, 2023 meeting
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Sustainable Libraries Initiative

(Environmentally Sound, Socially Equitable & Economically Feasible):

- Plastic collection in collaboration with Springfield Rotary Club: Over 1700 pounds have been collected. The second bench was installed in the Commons Park and the third bench has been ordered. Black River Action Team has signed on as the third sponsor.

Building and/or Grants

- Roof consultant is revising specifications for the roof to lower the cost.
- Air Handler unit drain pan is holding so far. Two companies, with one more coming on July 19, to propose costs for replacement in Spring.
- Water pipe in boiler room has been repaired
- ARSL grant funds (Sustainable and Resilient New England Libraries)
 - 2 of the Little Libraries are awaiting final touch-ups and will soon go to Springfield Housing Authority. 3rd one is for Family Center, which will be relocating.
- Still waiting for Preservation Trust consultant to submit report – due by end of the week.
- While we received word on June 9 that STL was awarded a CLiF Summer Readers grant, no details have arrived about the author visit as of today.

Staffing: Youth Services Librarian interviews begin next week.

Patron Services:

June and FY23 Statistics:

- Volunteer hours for FY23 = 563.75 hours served
- Visitors = 1762, total of 19,980 for FY23 (compared to 16,040 last year)
- Reference questions answered for FY23 = 1042 questions
- Tech help for FY23: 223 people for individual help and another 45 people in small group classes
- Website visits: 2027 in June; 21,418 in FY23
- Computer users
 - 222 people used library computers, for over 158 hours in June
 - 2419 people used library computers in FY23, for over 1735 hours in FY23
 - For FY23: an average of 68 people per day (24,834 for the year) logged into the Project Connect Wi-Fi including outdoor access when the library is closed
- Circulation of physical/traditional library items = **data is not yet available**
- Circulation of nontraditional library items (Library of Things, items mostly received from grants or FOSTL) = **data is not yet available**
- Interlibrary loan in FY23 (from all VT/US libraries not counting consortium transfers - **that data is not yet available**):
 - Items lent: 775
 - Items borrowed/received: 738
- Circulation of digital items for FY23
 - EBooks & EAudiobooks: 5915
 - Songs & Movies: 194
 - Database Usage for FY23 (note that Newsbank's June totals will not be available until July 15th): 3453 views

June & FY23 Programs:

FY23 from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023: 507 programs/events serving over 5500 people

- 32 Young Adult events (age 12-18) held in-the-library with 159 participants
- 7 Young Adult events held off-site with 86 participants
- 3 Young Adult virtual programs with 5 participants
- 103 children's events (age 0-11) held in-the-library with 598 participants
- 73 children's events held off-site with 1075 participants
- 52 children's events (Summer lunch & passive/take & make) with 1600 participants
- 24 deliveries of books to daycares and 24+ deliveries to homebound adults every two weeks
- 102 adult programs in-the-library with 724 participants
- 3 adult programs held off-site with 142 participants
- 31 adult programs held via Zoom with 148 participants
- 36 in-library programs for a general audience with 338 participants
- 17 off-site programs for a general audience with 594 participants

June programs:

Adult:

- Ask Our Town Manager
Ask Our Fire Chief
- Home Deliveries
- 3 Book Club meetings
- Trex Plastic Challenge
- Wolf Peaches, Poisoned Peas
- Peppermint Foam Hand Soap
- Individual Tech Help

Youth:

- Summer lunches began 6/26/23
- Weston Playhouse
- Nature Museum of Grafton
- Teen Advisory
- Dungeons & Dragons group
- Golden Dome Book Club
- Visit from Suzy's Little Peanuts

All Ages

- Booth at Rainbow Palooza
- Alyx the Magician – Summer Reading Kickoff