

Springfield Town Library
Library Director's Report for March 2023
Submitted for discussion at April 11, 2023 meeting
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Building and/or Grants

- Need to decide whether to wait for possible Treasury grant. Notified that applications will not be released until late summer or early fall.
- ARSL grant funds
 - Little Library Design contest submissions due April 14. Boxes should be done soon.
 - Outdoor gardens: patrice advising. Hope to do clean-out in late April/early May. Planting in late May/early June.
 - Gate from ramp to garden – to be completed by Springfield Fence Company
- Robert Sincerbeaux Fund mini-grant funds arrived. Condition Assessment scheduled for May.
- Have not yet hired maintenance person. A cleaning service is doing basic cleaning two days a week for two hours each day.

Patron Services:

Nontraditional Library Services:

- Plastic collection in collaboration with Springfield Rotary Club. 193 pounds of plastic was collected in March with another 61 pounds brought to Rotary on April 4th. Rotary has collected over 400 pounds of soft plastic from the community and businesses since February.
- Another set of COVID tests have arrived, courtesy of the Vermont Dept. of Health
- Gun locks are still available, courtesy of the Attorney General's Office

March Statistics:

- Visitors = 2143 (500+ more than last month and about 600 more than last March. The most visitors since the beginning of the pandemic)
- Reference questions answered: 85 with additional 17 given technology assistance
- Website visits: 1886
- Computer users
 - 203 people used library computers, for over 138 hours in March
 - Average 133 people per day logged into the Project Connect Wi-Fi
- Circulation of physical/traditional library items =2446 (over 600 items more than last month)
- Circulation of nontraditional library items (Library of Things, items mostly received from grants or FOSTL) = 51 includes 13 passes and 21 pairs of snowshoes among others
- Circulation of digital items: 645 (eAudiobooks, eBooks, eMusic, Database usage).
- Over 900 items sent out to other libraries and another 900+ items came to our library for patrons via Interlibrary loan and consortium transfers

March Programs:

604 people/organizations participated/served (compared to 230 in March 2022)

Organized by both program team members: Community Movie Night

Organized by/for Adult Services:

- Susan B. Anthony program
- Lotus Lantern craft
- 3 book clubs & 2 sessions of Page Turners
- 3 separate deliveries to home-bound patrons
- Scribble Society Writing group
- Puzzle table – passive activity, used 43 times
- Puppies at the library – collaboration with Springfield Humane Society

Organized by Youth Services:

- Legos and Laughs for school age children
- SHS Exchange Students share program
- Participation at SSD Literacy Night
- Visit to classes at Elm Hill School
- Visit to All for One
- Cartooning program in collaboration with the Gallery at the Vault
- 5 Story Time sessions, plus a visit from a preschool
- 3 sessions at All for One
- 3 book backpack deliveries to Day Care centers
- Golden Dome Book Award club & Red Clover Reading Club
- Teen Advisory Board