

Springfield Town Library  
 Library Director's Report for March 2024  
 Submitted for discussion at April 10, 2024 meeting  
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**Sustainable Libraries Initiative, Building, Staff, and/or Grants:**  
*(Environmentally Sound, Socially Equitable & Economically Feasible):*

- March electrical usage decreased by 22.67% as compared to average of previous 2 years in March (+6.4 degrees on average)
- Adult fiction collection maintenance completed
- Training completed for ALA Libraries Transform Communities grant, conversations scheduled to begin on April 30
- Fire Alarm testing completed
- Staff safety committee re-established
- Marketing Feedback survey to be finished by April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Tech Help interest survey sent out to community

**STL used less electricity in March!**

Date	avg temp	Total
March 2021	29.9	4930.9
March 2022	29.6	5445.9
March 2023	28.9	5286.7
March 2024	35.3	4149.5



**Collaboration updates**

- Youth intern completed service, offered library aide position
- RUTC Information Technology student intern continuing through June
- SAPA-TV: working on setting up remote access to do own video editing, SAPA created recording of Biomass Burning program, will be hosting a YA film event in April
- Working Community Challenge Beginner Computer Classes held in YA area, will finish in April

**Patron Services:**

- Finance Manager still working on implementation of future acceptance of credit cards

March Circulation and Use Statistics:

- Visitors = 1928, compared to 2143 in March 2023 (slight decrease – closed one day due to snow & earlier Easter closure).
- Patrons = 1450 total, including 48 non-residents
- Reference questions answered = 100 questions
- Tech help: 22 people for individual help sessions
- Website visits: 2135
- Computer users: 201 people used library computers, for over 155 hours in March (compared to last March – 185 people), for over 138 hours
- Wi-Fi usage: average of 45 people per day
- Volunteer hours: 74.25 hours (2 interns included)
- Circulation of physical/traditional library items = 2014 compared to 1882 in March 2023
- Circulation of nontraditional library items = 41
- Circulation of digital items
  - EBooks & EAudiobooks & Movies: 619
  - Database Usage: 714+ 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: 583
  - Items borrowed/received for our patrons: 649

March Programming: 32 events serving/interacting with 339+ people (plus tech help & puzzlers)

Adult:

- It's time to Plant Seeds (Eureka Organic Farm)
- Queen Elizabeth II
- Crime & Safety: Community Conversation with Greater Falls Community Justice Center
- First Time Homebuyer (financial focus)
- Monthly craft (photo candle)
- 3 Book Club meetings & 2 Page Turners session
- Scribble Society writing group
- Individual Tech Help and small group class (22 participants not counted in above total)

Youth/Family:

- World Frog Day
- Kids Planting Party storytime at the same time as Saturday adult program
- RVTC Information Technology students
- Family StoryTime (evening)
- Thursday after-school programs
- Bookworm Wiggle
- Golden Dome Book Club
- Preschool StoryTime
- Team Laser Bear book club

Intergenerational

- Community Puzzle (49 participants not counted in above total)