

Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

Director's Report May 2024



- I. *Circulation* – Items that have been checked out, renewed, or loaned/borrowed through inter-library loan.
 - Total – **6,152** (2023: 2,943) (2022: 5,054)
 - Type (included in total)
 - Books & Serials – **4,617** (2023: 1,919) (2022: 4,028)
 - Video – **417** (2023: 163) (2022: 343)
 - Audio – **66** (2023: 32) (2022: 109)
 - Electronic – **852** (2023: 795) (2022: 492)
 - Other – **200** (2023: 34) (2022: 82)
 - Age (included in total)
 - Adult – **2,338** (2023: 1,196) (2022: 2,100)
 - Young Adult – **302** (2023: 106) (2022: 307)
 - Children – **2,620** (2023: 895) (2022: 2,141)
 - Not Assigned – **40** (2023: 8) (2022: 14)
 - Inter-Library Loan (included in total)
 - Borrowing – **578** (2023: 763) (2022: 457)
 - Lending – **352** (2023: 39) (2022: 332)
- II. *Library Visits* – People walking through the door as tallied by an automatic door counter.
 - **2,344** (2023: 677) (2022: 1,253)
- III. *New Library Cards* – Individuals who registered for a Coventry library card for the first time.
 - **26** (2023: 29) (2022: 19)
- IV. *Reference* – Questions staff answered regarding library services, library catalog, local area, research, genealogy, homework help, and more.
 - **564** (2023: 364) (2022: 469)
- V. *Internet* – Use of library wi-fi and desktop computers.
 - Desktop Computers
 - Total Users – **123** (2023: 36) (2022: 153)
 - Wi-Fi
 - Total Sessions – **1,603** (2023: 725) (2022: 2,907)
 - Total Devices – **232** (2023: 113) (2022: 154)
 - Total clients per day – **810** (2023: 438) (2022: 624)

VI. *Programs* – Events, activities, workshops, or lectures offered by the library.

- Programs Offered – **18** (2023: 16) (2022: 28)
- Participants – **370** (2023: 492) (2022: 560)
- ***Teen Dungeons & Dragons program is becoming very popular, with new members joining each month!***

VII. *Online presence* – Activity tracked on our Facebook, website, and Google Profile.

- Facebook
 - Posts – **17**
 - Reach – **7,588**
 - Engagement – **428**
 - ***A post advertising our program “Inside the Royal Bedchamber” reached 3,182 people!***
- Google Profile
 - Searches – **138**
 - Profile Views – **357**
 - Website Visits from Profile – **236**
- Website
 - Unique Visits – **1,213**
 - Page Visits – **1,930**

VIII. *Library Facilities*

- The chiller was serviced and turned on at the end of May.
- Outback will complete the new library landscaping. CPW is hoping to remove the old plants at the end of June or early July. We have requested that native plants be used if available and comparable in cost.
- The Library was rekeyed by Manchester Lock and Kay, and now has just one key for outside doors, one key for inside door, and a single key for the after-hours door.
- While rekeying, it was noted that some doors were not latching properly. Millennium Builders has been made aware and will be making the necessary repairs.
- Our free year of elevator maintenance through KONE expires on June 14. Independent Elevator will take on maintenance beginning July.

IX. *Library Staff & Professional Development*

- Library Staff had multiple planning sessions and meetings to develop our Summer Reading Programs. Programs are available for children birth – grade 2, grades 3-5, teens grade 6-12, and adults.
- Margaret attended Bibliomation’s Finance Committee meeting on May 14.
- Margaret attended a meeting with Eastern CT Library directors at the Lebanon Jonathan Trumbull Library on May 15.
- Margaret attended CLA’s monthly business meeting on May 16.
- Kayla made three visits to GHR on May 28, 29, and 30 to meet with each 5th grade class and present on summer reading and teen center services.

X. *General Updates*

- The Library is offering a Seed Library – seeds patrons can take home to plant, or to leave for others to take.
- BDML was invited by SHPO to apply for the Historic Restoration Fund Grant, which is due in October.
- A new film program – Sunday Matinee Movies, is being sponsored by the Library, and hosted by Francis Lombard and Jerry Phillips. The first film – *A Touch of Evil* – will show on Sunday June 9.
- The Stave Family Community Room was used by outside groups 5 times in May.