# Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

## Director's Report January 2026

I. *Circulation* – Items that have been checked out, renewed, or loaned/borrowed through inter-library loan.
   - Total – **6,377** (2025: 6,345) (2024: 6,294)
   - Type (included in total)
     - Books & Serials – **4,387** (2025: 4,629) (2024: 4,634)
     - Video – **536** (2025: 434) (2024: 584)
       - ***Highest month for video circulation in two years!***
     - Audio – **62** (2025: 70) (2024: 73)
     - Electronic – **1,267** (2025: 1,098) (2024: 916)
     - Other – **125** (2024: 114) (2025: 87)
   - Age (included in total)
     - Adult – **2,308** (2025: 2,433) (2024: 2,362)
     - Young Adult – **274** (2025: 234) (2024: 333)
     - Children – **2,521** (2025: 2,550) (2024: 2,662)
     - Not Assigned – **7** (2025: 30) (2024: 21)
   - Inter-Library Loan (included in total)
     - Borrowing – **509** (2025: 589) (2024: 539)
     - Lending – **435** (2025: 431) (2024: 357)

II. *Library Visits* – People walking through the door as tallied by an automatic door counter.
   - **3,055** (2025: 2,882) (2024: 2,368)

III. *New Library Cards* – Individuals who registered for a Coventry library card for the first time.
   - **31** (2025: 33) (2024: 29)

IV. *Reference* – Questions staff answered regarding library services, library catalog, local area, research, genealogy, homework help, and more.
   - **690** (2025: 583) (2024: 743)

V. *Internet* – Use of library wi-fi and desktop computers.
   - Desktop Computers
     - Total Users – **179** (2025: 166) (2024: 185)
   - Wi-Fi
     - Total Sessions – **9,753** (2025: 9,463) (2024: 1,319)
     - Total Devices – **313** (2025: 335) (2024: 213)

        - Average clients per day – **29** (2025: 35)

VI. *Programs* – Events, activities, workshops, or lectures offered by the library.
    - Programs – **31** (2025: 24) (2024: 22)
    - Participants – **846** (2025: 888) (2024: 1,004)
        - ***27 people attended Read to Bunnies on January 24.Read to Dogs is a monthly event, but we are hoping to bring the bunnies back regularly due to their popularity.***
        - ***35 teens attended a sing-a-long program on January 30!***

VII. *Online presence* – Activity tracked on our Facebook, website, and Google Profile.
    - Facebook
        - Posts – **18**
            - Views – **9,721**
            - Reach – **5,297**
            - ***A post featuring our upcoming Fairy Tale Ball on February 14 had over 1,500 views and engaged over 100 individuals. The program is full with a wait-list!***
    - Google
        - Profile Views – **619**
        - Business Profile Interactions – **576**
        - Website Visits – **417**
        - Searches – **248**
    - Website
        - Site Visits – **3,126**
        - Page Visits – **4,496**

VIII. *Library Facilities*
    - Automated Building Services (ABS – HVAC control) conducted routine maintenance on January 28.
    - On January 29, an ice dam developed on the gutter on the wall of the newest part of the building. The ice buildup caused a leak that came down the walls of the mystery room upstairs and the children's room downstairs.
        - Library staff contained the leak and started cleanup. Public Works removed ice from the gutter the next day.
        - Due to the continued cold weather, the ice dam returned within 24 hours, and was removed by Public Works again on February 2.
        - Public Works installed heating elements onto the roof flashings and gutters on February 4, and the ice buildup has not returned.
        - Quotes for drywall replacement are being gathered.

IX. *Library Staff & Professional Development*

- Margaret attended an information session on employee evaluations through CLC and the Employer's Association of the Northeast on January 8.
- Christa attended CLC's Children's Services Round Table on January 12.
- Jennifer attended a workshop through the CT Age Well Collaborative and CT State Library on aging, ability, and inclusion in the library setting.
- Margaret attended CLA's monthly meeting on January 15.
- Margaret participated in the town's Worker's Health & Safety Committee meeting on January 15.
- Kayla and Margaret attended a Bibliomation Strategic Planning Committee meeting on January 20.
- Jenn attended the CLA Reference and Adult Services meeting on January 21.
- Margaret attended an American 250 CT Commission Meeting in Hartford on January 21.
- Janette and Margaret met with a reporter from the Willimantic Chronicle for an interview about Janette's 50th anniversary with the library.
- Jenn attended CLC's Older Adult Round Table on January 27.
- Christa attended the Dyslexia Awareness Collaborative: Language & Literacy Acquisition through the CT State Library on January 27.
- Jenn and Christa met with Town Historian John Holmy on January 28 to plan programs for American 250 in conjunction with summer reading.

X. *General Updates*

- Aubrey tabled at the Winter's Farmers Market on January 11.
- Margaret, Joe, and Libby met with Town Manager Jim Drumm and Town Finance Director Cherie Trahan on January 14 to review the library's proposed FY27 budget.
- The Library Board selected a new logo at their January meeting. Staff are coordinating on a roll-out of the new logo, to include an announcement, replacement of the logo on library materials and resources, and purchasing new merchandise.
- Libby and Margaret scheduled interviews for the bookkeeper position on January January 7 and January 29, and offered the position to Stephanie Knopf, who starts in February.
- The community room was used 5 times by outside groups.