BOOTH & DIMOCK MEMORIAL LIBRARY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT MAY 2026

I. *Circulation* – Items that have been checked out, renewed, or loaned/borrowed library loan.
   - Total – **6,206** (2025: 6,120) (2024: 6,152)
   - Type (included in total)
     - Books & Serials – **4,260** (2025: 4,428) (2024: 4,617)
     - Video – **460** (2025: 341) (2024: 417)
     - Audio – **68** (2025: 82) (2024: 66)
     - Electronic – **1,283** (2025: 1,148) (2024: 852)
     - Other – **135** (2024: 121) (2025: 200)
   - Age (included in total)
     - Adult – **2,384** (2025: 2,241) (2024: 2,338)
     - Young Adult – **326** (2025: 265) (2024: 302)
     - Children – **2,181** (2025: 2,463) (2024: 2,620)
     - Not Assigned – **32** (2025: 30) (2024: 40)
   - Inter-Library Loan (included in total)
     - Borrowing – **567** (2025: 550) (2024: 578)
     - Lending – **407** (2025: 415) (2024: 352)

II. *Library Visits* – People walking through the door as tallied by an automatic door counter.
   - **3,157** (2025: 2,754) (2024: 2,344)

III. *New Library Cards* – Individuals who registered for a Coventry library card for the first time.
   - **29** (2025: 30) (2024: 26)
     - ***We issued 10 new cards during outreach at the Farmers' Market!***

IV. *Reference* – Questions staff answered regarding library services, library catalog, local area, research, genealogy, homework help, and more.
   - **646** (2025: 658) (2024: 569)

V. *Internet* – Use of library Wi-Fi and desktop computers.
   - Desktop Computers
     - Total Users – **159** (2025: 158) (2024: 123)
   - Wi-Fi
     - Total Sessions – **9,498**(2025: 7,423) (2024: 1,603)
     - Total Devices – **271** (2025: 326) (2024: 232)
     - Average clients per day – **26** (2025: 34)

VI. *Programs* – Events, activities, workshops, or lectures offered by the library.
- Programs – **20** (2025: 20) (2024: 18)
- Participants – **801** (2025: 560) (2024: 370)
  - ***New "Storytime 1,2,3" incorporating math and literacy had7 participants on May 1.***
  - ***The Library partnered with the Coventry Arts Guild for a program on May 7 for Mental Health Awareness month. The program had 58 participants and featured art and an author talk.***
  - ***88 people visited our booth at the Farmer's Market on May 31.***

VII. *Online presence* – Activity tracked on our Facebook, website, and Google Profile.
- Facebook
  - Posts – **16**
    - Views – **8,337**
    - Reach – **5,212**
    - Engagement – **514**
    - ***Posts about the DEEP Black Bear program had over 830 views.***
    - ***A weekly "Library Question" post about snacks engaged over 100 people.***
- Google
  - Profile Views – **732**
  - Business Profile Interactions – **575**
  - Website Visits – **370**
  - Searches – **299**
- Website
  - Site Visits – **1,383**
  - Page Visits – **2,549**

VIII. *Library Facilities*
- The insurance company needs more quotes in order to move forward with the ice dam drywall project. Contractors are booked for estimates until July.
- The library's chiller was serviced and turned on for the season.
- The contract for the joist repair has been signed and is targeted for construction in September/late summer.

IX. *Library Staff & Professional Development*
- Margaret and Kayla attended the Connecticut Education Network Annual Conference on May 6 and 7 in Hartford.
  - Kayla presented with Bibliomation staff to a full room about the library's use of Linux computers.

- Christa attended a webinar on behavioral health resources for children through the CT State Library on May 6.
- Jenn attended Library Journals' Day of Dialog on May 7.
- Christa attended CLC's Children's Services Roundtable on May 11.
- Margaret attended a Bibliomation Finance Committee meeting on May 14.
- Margaret participated in an American 250 CT meeting on May 19.
- Margaret attended CLA's monthly meeting on May 21.
- Jenn attended the CLC Older Adults Roundtable on May 26.
- Margaret completed accident and incident reporting training through CIRMA on May 28.

X. *General Updates*

- Aubrey and Rachel conducted outreach at the Coventry Farmers' Market opening day on May 31.
- Christa and Rachel participated in family STEAM night with Coventry Public Schools on May 5.
- Summer reading planning is complete and staff have been prepping materials and programs. Summer Reading runs June 15 – August 14.
- The community room was used 6 times by outside groups.
- The library is partnering with town departments for two special summer programs:
  - Leaders & Readers Storytime Series: Seven dates throughout the summer where department heads will join library staff for a storytime featuring the work they do to help the town.
  - Truck Day July 29: Staff from Coventry Fire Department, Coventry Police Department, and Coventry Public Works will bring some of their favorite trucks and vehicles to the library.