

Booth & Dimock Memorial Library

Director's Report September 2024



- I. *Circulation* – Items that have been checked out, renewed, or loaned/borrowed through inter-library loan.
 - Total – **6,034** (2023: 6,671) (2022: 5,823)
 - Type (included in total)
 - Books & Serials – **4,621** (2023: 5,198) (2022: 4,143)
 - Video – **375** (2023: 488) (2022: 354)
 - Audio – **64** (2023: 81) (2022: 116)
 - Electronic – **882** (2023: 789) (2022: 1,111)
 - Other – **92** (2023: 115) (2022: 99)
 - Age (included in total)
 - Adult – **2,151** (2023: 2,438) (2022: 2,428)
 - Young Adult – **272** (2023: 358) (2022: 386)
 - Children – **2,698** (2023: 3,056) (2022: 1,886)
 - Not Assigned – **31** (2023: 30) (2022: 12)
 - Inter-Library Loan (included in total)
 - Borrowing – **575** (2023: 663) (2022: 538)
 - Lending – **357** (2023: 335) (2022: 368)

- II. *Library Visits* – People walking through the door as tallied by an automatic door counter.
 - **2,500** (2023: 2,765) (2022: 1,502)
 - ***September 2023 was busier than September 2024, likely due to the fact that September 2023 was the first full month the library had been open since before construction started.***

- III. *New Library Cards* – Individuals who registered for a Coventry library card for the first time.
 - **39** (2023: 55) (2022: 40)

- IV. *Reference* – Questions staff answered regarding library services, library catalog, local area, research, genealogy, homework help, and more.
 - **496** (2023: 934) (2022: 566)

- V. *Internet* – Use of library wi-fi and desktop computers.
 - Desktop Computers
 - Total Users – **159** (2023: 121) (2022: 102)
 - Wi-Fi
 - Total Sessions – **4,019** (2023: 1,967) (2022: 1,782)
 - Total Devices – **316** (2023: 192) (2022: 167)
 - Total clients per day – **912** (2023: 59) (2022: 641)
 - Average clients per day – **38**

- ***Highest number of unique devices per month on record!***

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

- Programs Offered – **20** (2023: 21) (2022: 22)
- Participants – **959** (2023: 1,081) (2022: 368)
- ***105 people participated in our mini canvas program at the Arts on Main event on September 14.***
- ***We hosted our first ever Homeschool Hangout on September 20, which 48 people attended.***

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

- Facebook
 - Posts – **17**
 - Reach – **5,842**
 - Engagement – **1,016**
- Google
 - Searches – 146
 - Profile Views – 372
 - Website visits from profile - 281
- Website – Unavailable
 - Site Visits – **1,249**
 - Page Visits – **2,187**

VIII. *Library Facilities*

- The dehumidifier drainpipe backed up and flooded the mechanical room and restroom hallway downstairs (same thing happened in September 2023). Manny has put checking the drainpipe on his regular maintenance rotation.
- The boiler was serviced and the AC shut down for the season on September 17.
- *Proulx Builders* visited the library to provide a quote for the joist repair on September 9.
- Technicians from Novus Insights and CEN began installing new fiber internet equipment as part of the Fiber to the Library Grant on September 27. The project should be finalized in October or November.

IX. *Library Staff & Professional Development*

- Margaret attended multiple planning meetings for Arts on Main.
- Jenn attended Morning Book Buzz through Penguin Random House on September 4.
- Kayla attended the CNH Middle School open house on September 11.
- Margaret was asked to serve on the Connecticut Education Network's (CEN) Engagement and Development Advisory Council (EDAC), and attended the year's first meeting in Hartford on September 16.
- Margaret attended the Easter Connecticut Director's Roundtable meeting at the Hebron Library on September 18.
- Margaret attended CLA's monthly meeting on September 19.

- Christa and Aubrey attended the elementary school open houses. On September 19 at GHR they interacted with 61 people and issued 2 new library cards, on September 25 at CGS they interacted with 90 people and issued 14 new cards!
- Aubrey attended “Set the Stage: Working with Community Partners” on September 23. The workshop covered how to establishing working relationships with community organizations.

X. *General Updates*

- The Library took part in the town-wide Arts on Main event on September 14. 341 people visited the building and 105 people participated in our mini-canvas program.
- Margaret met with bookkeeper Reginal Pelrine on September 18 to review the transition and operating procedures.
- Community Conversations for the ALA Libraries Transforming Communities grant took place on September 18 and 24. The Journal Inquire ran an article about the initiative on September 21. Our interim report was submitted on September 26 and purchasing for the grant should take place by the end of the year. The grant closes in Spring 2025.
- The Community Room was used 3 times by outside groups.



Young patrons show off their mini canvases at Arts on Main on September 14.