



Director's Report- December 2021

Lyla Grills - Meetings Attended

11/3 MCLS Directors' Council Meeting
11/5 Staff Training Day
11/16 Trustee Handbook Book Club
11/16 Friends of MPL Meeting
11/18 MCLS New Directors' Roundtable Meeting
11/18 Survey Meeting
12/1 MCLS Directors' Council Meeting

Facility:

- Prepping for winter! We have new protective floor mats by the entrance and up to the circulation desk. The Town of Mendon facilities crew has stored our picnic tables, made sure that we have our salt supply ready, and moved cement barriers in the parking lot to make it easier for snow plowing. The Friends of MPL have been decorating for the winter holiday season.
- We removed a few outdated COVID related signs and opened up all 4 public Internet terminals.
- The TV monitor in the large reading room will need to be replaced.
- The bird feeders have been put up on windows.
- Skyport installed and moved data to a new server.
- We needed to add a service plan to our Simple Tech web hosting account which will increase our monthly bill by \$15.
- The art exhibit will be changed in late December and will feature Plein Air paintings by Victoria Brzustowicz.

Staff:

- We welcomed new Library Clerk Matthew Filipski.
- Staff Training Day was a success. Kelli Parmelee from The Town spoke about some benefits available to our staff. Chad Cunningham, Circulation Supervisor for MCLS addressed circulation issues. We had an All-Staff Meeting. Staff feedback was very positive.

Programming:

- Some programs had to be postponed due to no or low registration numbers (Parent SAT Q&A, Virtual Libby App, Virtual Bone Health).

- The pre-Thanksgiving Game & Puzzle Swap went well. We would like to repeat this next year. The Beading program had a full house. Knit and Sew programs have been successful.
- We have had a “soft opening” for our bird feeders to get them established. On January 8 we are holding an official event to introduce the Feeder Watch program, thank St John’s Episcopal Church for the gift that made this program possible and the Friends of MPL for their support, recruit volunteers, and The Bird House will be doing a public presentation on Backyard Birding.
- Programming Highlights for Kids & Teens Nov 2021 (Kelly Paganelli reporting):

Kids: Our Kids programs have moved inside for the winter months. Story Time Tuesday is happening inside the library with folks wearing masks and maintaining some distance. Working with Central and the Rochester Americans, we were able to host a Zoom Program with an Amerks Player and the Moose. Several of our patrons showed up on Zoom to hear the story and answer some hockey trivia. Two patrons won signed hockey sticks!!! The Story Telling Circle for Thanksgiving weekend only attracted one patron, but, we’re pleased to offer a magic show in mid December with several programs during break week, including a Girl Scout-Led Game Day, Pottery Painting for Kids, Teens, and Adults, and a Teen Crafting Event utilizing upcycled book ends and binders.

Teen Involvement: In November, we had a great turn out for our Percy Jackson Trivia Night. The teens in attendance liked the idea of writing book reviews, so, we’re working on a newsletter with teen book reviews for December. Teens are invited to two crafting programs over break week. We’ll also be gathering in January for another Teen Trivia Night, this one based on Harry Potter.

Library System News:

- Lyla will attend a zoom advocacy meeting with Senator Brouk on Dec. 14.
- Adam Traub, Associate Director of MCLS, is taking a new position as director of Webster Public Library. No word yet on who will succeed Adam as Associate Director.

Statistics:

- Door Count:

Oct + Nov 2021 = 4,598 (counter was not reset at the end of Oct)

Sept 2021 = 2,587.

- Circulation:

October, 2021

Charge/ Renew	4,208
Catalog Plus	986
Phone Renewals	-
Overdrive	1,406
October 2021	6,600
October 2020	7,094
Gain/ Loss	(494)
Percentage	-7%

November, 2021

Charge/ Renew	4,420
Catalog Plus	1,186
Phone Renewals	1
Overdrive	1,435
November 2021	7,042
November 2020	7,054
Gain/Loss	(12)
Percentage	0%